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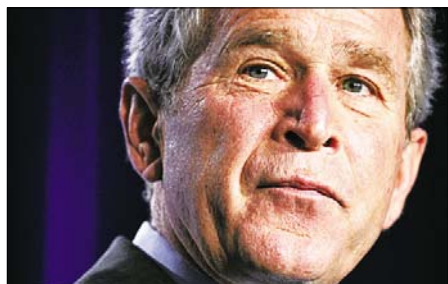
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# Gun Ban Rejected

Supreme Court strikes down D.C. law in affirming the right to own guns



D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier and Mayor Adrian Fenty react disappointedly to the court's ruling Thursday.

WASHINGTON | Silent on central questions of gun control for two centuries, the Supreme Court found its voice Thursday in a decision affirming the right to have guns for self-defense in the home and addressing a constitutional riddle almost as old as the republic over what it means to say the people may keep and bear arms.

The court's 5-4 ruling struck down the District of Columbia's ban on handguns and imperiled similar prohibitions in other cities, Chicago and San Francisco among them. Federal gun restrictions, however, were expected to remain largely intact.

The court had not conclusively interpreted the Second Amendment since its ratification in 1791. The amendment reads: "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The basic issue for the justices was whether the amendment protects an individual's right to own guns no matter what, or whether that right is somehow tied to service in a state militia, a once-vital, now-archaic grouping of citizens. That's been the heart of the gun control debate for decades.

The answer: Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia said that an individual right to bear arms exists and is supported by "the historical narrative" both before and after the Second Amendment was adopted. MARK SHERMAN (AP)



→ **The Supreme Court's gun-ban ruling draws mixed reactions from national and local political figures** | **Pages 3 and 9**



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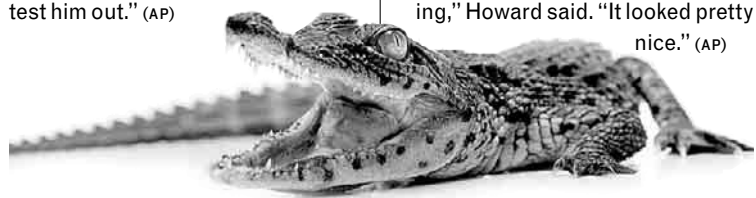
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# eyeOpeners

## LAWS

### Things That Kill Are Adorable When Tiny

Drinkers at a Darwin, Australia, watering hole may have wondered whether they'd had one too many when they were greeted by a crocodile at the pub's door. The saltwater croc was just 2 feet long and more a curiosity than a threat to drinkers at the Noonamah Tavern on Sunday. Barmaid Sarah Sparre said three patrons spotted the creature outside the pub, grabbed it and brought it inside. "You could say we were a bit surprised," Sparre said. "He was pretty complacent, easygoing. But we weren't going to test him out." (AP)



## TALENT

### World Origami Federation Funds Defense Attorney

Crawford County, Ark., authorities say an inmate escaped the county jail and left a rose fashioned out of toilet paper because he felt bad for breaking out. Investigator Ken Howard said the man was found a day later hiding in a closet in a pile of clothes with a pillowcase over his head. "But he wasn't hiding too good, because you could see the outline of his head in the pillow case," Howard said. "When we asked him about [the flower], he said he felt sorry for the captain for escaping," Howard said. "It looked pretty nice." (AP)



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

## DRAMA

### Subtlety Is Lame

The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) left no doubt in viewers' minds that fireworks are **DANGEROUS-VERY BAD-BEWARE FIREWORKS!!!!!!** at its annual Fourth of July safety news conference on the National Mall. No humans were harmed — that's a dummy above. (EXPRESS)



## THIEVES

### \$15 Getaway Car Surcharge Added

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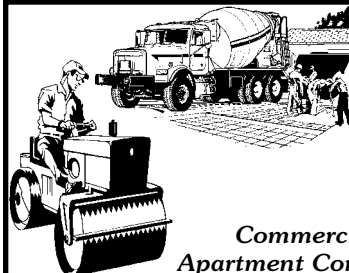
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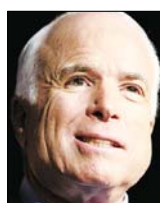
**NOTHING BREWING:** Anheuser-Busch's board unanimously rejected a Belgian-Brazilian brewer's takeover bid Thursday, saying the \$46 billion offer undervalues the Budweiser maker. The St. Louis brewer says InBev's \$65-per-share offer is "financially inadequate."

## Nation

# Candidates Speak Out On Ruling

McCain lauds court's decision on gun ban; Obama straddles issue

WASHINGTON | John McCain on Thursday welcomed a Supreme Court decision invalidating the District's handgun ban. Barack Obama sought to straddle the sub-



McCain

ject by saying he favors an individual's right to bear firearms as well as a government's right to regulate them.

McCain heralded the justices' action as "a landmark victory for Second Amendment freedom."

"This ruling does not mark the end of our struggle against those who seek to limit the rights of law-abiding citizens. We must always remain vigilant in defense of our freedoms," he said.

Obama, issued a more carefully worded statement.

"I have always believed that the Second Amendment protects the right of individuals to bear arms, but I also identify with the need for crime-ravaged communities to save their children from the violence that plagues our streets through commonsense, effective safety measures," Obama said. (AP)



Jennifer Deasy shoots a Colt Government .380 caliber pistol on Thursday at Niagara Gun Range in North Tonawanda, N.Y.

# Gun Fight Just Beginning

Supreme Court ruling may challenge laws in place across the U.S.

WASHINGTON | Reactions to Thursday's historic Supreme Court ruling on the Second Amendment broke less along party lines than along the divide between cities wracked with gun violence and rural areas where gun ownership is embedded in daily life.

Chicago's Democratic Mayor Richard Daley called the ruling

**The full implications of the court's gun ban decision are unclear.**

"very frightening" and predicted more violence if his city's gun restrictions are lost.

Republicans welcomed what they called a powerful precedent.

President Bush said: "I applaud the Supreme Court's historic decision today confirming what has always been clear in the Constitution: The Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear firearms."

The issue caused a split within the Bush administration. Vice President Dick Cheney supported the appeals court ruling, but others in the administration feared it could lead to the undoing of other gun regulations.

The last Supreme Court ruling

on the Second Amendment came in 1939 in *U.S. v. Miller*, which involved a sawed-off shotgun. Constitutional scholars agree it did not squarely

### CAMPAIGN RULING

→ Also Thursday, the Supreme Court struck down the "millionaire's amendment," a campaign finance law intended to level the field for House candidates facing wealthy opponents.

→ The law states that, when candidates spend more than \$350,000 from their own pockets, opponents may qualify to accept larger individual contributions than normally allowed. In a 5-4 ruling, the justices said the law violates the First Amendment.

answer the question of individual versus collective rights.

The full implications of the new decision, however, are unclear. Yet to be determined is the extent to which the right to have a gun for protection extends outside the home.

Writing for the majority, Justice Antonin Scalia said nothing in the ruling should "cast doubt on long-standing prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons or the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings."

Gun rights advocates praised the decision. "I consider this the opening salvo in a step-by-step process of providing relief for law-abiding Americans everywhere that have been deprived of this freedom," said Wayne LaPierre, executive vice president of the National Rifle Association. MARK SHERMAN (AP)

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## Nation



A view of the northern arctic region of Mars from a camera on the Phoenix lander.

## Test: Mars' Soil Is Similar to Earth's

**Scientist says nothing about the planet's dirt appears to be toxic**

**LOS ANGELES** | The Phoenix lander's first taste test of soil near Mars' north pole reveals a briny environment similar to what can be found in backyards on Earth, scientists said Thursday.

The finding raises hope that the Martian arctic plains could have conditions favorable for primitive life. Phoenix landed a month ago to study the habitability of Mars' northern latitudes.

"There's nothing about it that would preclude life. In fact, it seems very friendly," mission scientist Samuel Kounaves said. "There's nothing about it that's toxic."

Phoenix so far has not detected organic carbon considered an essen-

tial building block of life.

The latest experiment was designed to test for minerals that do not have carbon in them. Like a chemist, the spacecraft mixed the soil with water brought from Earth into a beaker the size of a teacup and stirred it.

Preliminary results showed the soil had a pH between 8 and 9, researchers said. A pH less than 7 means the solution is acidic, while a pH over 7 means it is alkaline. Phoenix also detected the presence of magnesium, sodium, potassium and chloride in the mixture.

"It's very typical of the soil here on Earth, minus the organics," Kounaves said.

On Earth, asparagus, green beans and turnips could be planted in such an environment and chemical-loving bacteria would thrive there, he said. **ALICIA CHANG (AP)**

### HEARSAY | BACK ON THE TRAIL



**"We have to be determined to chart a new course, and we cannot do that without electing Senator Obama our president."**

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"If I was anybody else, I wouldn't be going to court. ... But, unfortunately for me, I got like a bull's-eye on my front, dollar sign on my back."

—O.J. Simpson, in an interview Tuesday with a radio station in Fargo, N.D. Simpson's trial begins Sept. 8.



## Nation

# Study: Plants Heading for the Hills

Climate change seems to be pushing species toward higher ground

WASHINGTON | Faced with global warming, plants are heading for the hills.

A study of 171 forest species in Western Europe shows that most of them are shifting their favored locations to higher, cooler spots.

For the first time, research can show the "fingerprints of climate change" in the distribution of plants by altitude, and not only in sensitive ecosystems, said Jonathan Lenoir of AgroParisTech in Nancy, France.

His team found "a significant upward shift of species' optimum elevation, the altitude where species are the most likely to be found over



This handout photo shows the Bure summit in the French Alps. A study of forest species in Europe shows that most of them are shifting to higher, cooler locations.

their whole elevation range."

Indeed, comparing the distribution of species between 1905

and 1985 with their distribution between 1986 and 2005 showed a shift upward of 95 feet per decade,

researchers led by Lenoir report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

Unlike animals, of course, plants can't just pick up and move in search of a better home.

But plant species do move, as seeds that are spread tend to grow better in one place than another — in this case, at higher elevations in preference over lower ones.

Quickest to relocate, not surprisingly, were plants such as herbs, ferns and mosses with shorter life spans and faster reproduction cycles, the researchers said. Not so fleet were large woody plants that reproduce more slowly.

In fact, long-lived plants like trees that reproduce slowly are more threatened by climate change because they can't quickly relocate, Lenoir said. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

## Millionaire Gets 11 Years for Abuse Of Housekeepers

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. | A judge has sentenced a millionaire to 11 years in prison for inflicting years of abuse on two Indonesian housekeepers held as virtual slaves in her mansion.



Sabhnani

Varsha Sabhnani was convicted with her husband in December on a 12-count federal indictment that included forced labor, conspiracy, involuntary servitude and harboring aliens. The two workers testified that they were beaten with brooms and umbrellas, slashed with knives, and forced to climb stairs and take freezing showers as punishments. (AP)

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## World

# Bush Eases Sanctions vs. N. Korea

## President plans to take communist nation off terrorism blacklist

President Bush relaxed trade sanctions against North Korea and moved to take it off the U.S. terrorism blacklist on Thursday, but he remained skeptical about whether the communist regime would ultimately give up its nuclear weapons programs.

Six years after branding North Korea a part of his "axis of evil," Bush offered mostly symbolic concessions in exchange for Kim Jong Il's decision to hand over a long-awaited accounting of its nuclear

bomb-making abilities.

"If they don't fulfill their promises, more restrictions will be placed on them," Bush declared, just a few hours after North Korea handed over 60 pages of documentation about its nuclear past to Chinese officials in Beijing.

What the North Koreans declared about their plutonium work and nuclear programs dat-

ing to 1986 was a slimmed down version of what the Bush administration initially sought. And the regime coughed up nothing about its stockpile of nuclear weapons, suspected uranium enrichment program or its alleged role in helping Syria build a reactor.

Still, Bush said he was pleased, calling the declaration a positive step in negotiations with a fickle

regime that have been stop-and-go for years. Bush emphasized that he was keenly aware that Pyongyang had lied about its nuclear capabilities before.

To demonstrate that it is serious about forgoing its nuclear weapons, North Korea is planning the destruction Friday of a 65-foot-tall cooling tower at its main nuclear reactor at Yongbyon. DEB RIECHMANN (AP)

### Critical events | Key North Korean nuclear activities

**1986** North Korea starts operation of 5-megawatt nuclear reactor at Yongbyon.

**Jan. 2002** President Bush calls North Korea, Iran, Iraq an "axis of evil."

**Feb. 2005** North Korea announces that it has nuclear weapons.

**Oct. 2006** North Korea conducts an underground nuclear test blast.

**July 2007** North Korea shuts down its nuclear reactor at Yongbyon.

## U.N.: Drug Cultivation Is on Rise

Report links militants to growth of materials for heroin, cocaine

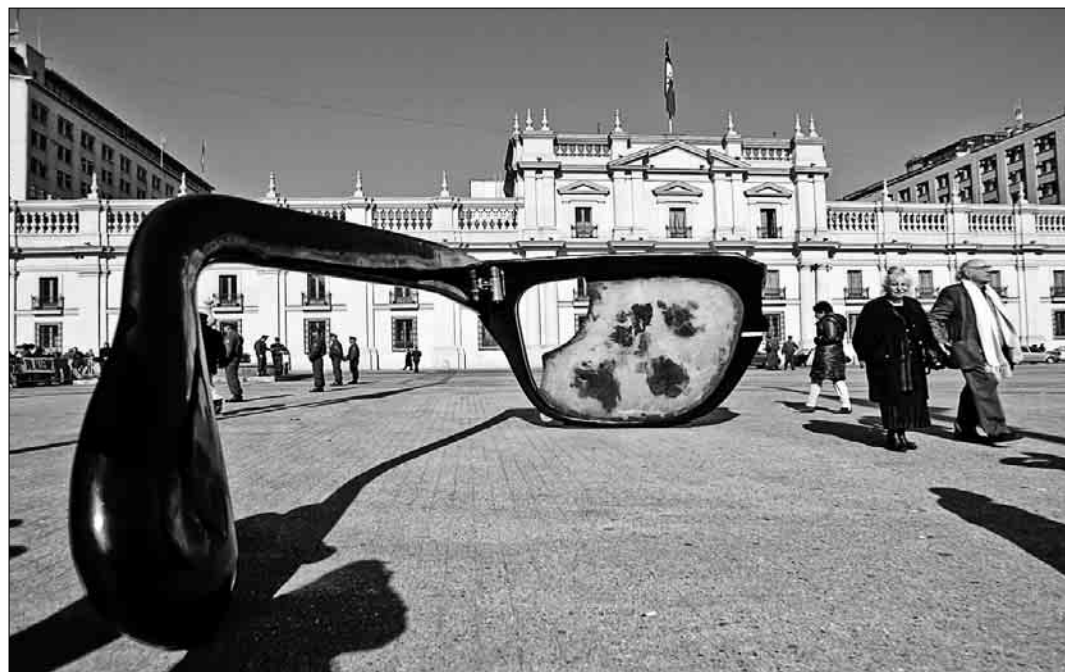
VIENNA | More than ever before, authorities waging a global war on drugs are facing real insurgents.

Worldwide, illicit cultivation of opium and coca — the raw materials for heroin and cocaine — is rising as militants in Afghanistan, Colombia and Myanmar consolidate their control of drug-producing areas, the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime warns in a report on Thursday.

In its World Drug Report 2008, the U.N. office calls the glut of opium and coca "a very recent surge" and draws a direct link to Taliban militants in Afghanistan, armed revolutionaries in Colombia and several groups in Myanmar.

Officials say insurgents' drug profits are used to bribe local authorities and to help finance terrorists. WILLIAM J. KOLE (AP)

### SANTIAGO, CHILE | UNCONVENTIONAL BIRTHDAY PRESENT



**QUITE A SIGHT:** People walk past a giant replica of the broken eyeglasses of former Chilean president Salvador Allende in Santiago, Chile, on Thursday. Chileans marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Allende, who was toppled in the bloody 1973 coup led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet. Allende committed suicide on the day of the coup, Sept. 11, 1973.

## Militants Strain Hamas-Israeli Truce

JERUSALEM | Gaza militants fired two rockets into southern Israel on Thursday, further straining a week-old truce as Israel kept vital Gaza border crossings closed.

The rocket attack, the second since the cease-fire took effect, led to a call for retaliation by Isra-

el's Foreign Minister while Palestinians charged that the continued closure of crossings violated terms of the cease-fire.

The Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, an offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah, claimed responsibility for the strikes.

Despite the breach, Israeli envoy Ofer Dekel headed to Egypt to meet with Egyptian officials on the final stage of the truce — a swap of hundreds of Palestinian prisoners for an Israeli soldier Hamas has held for two years. Israel has balked at Hamas' demands, saying its list of prisoners includes militants involved in deadly attacks on Israelis. (AP)

## In Brief



Algae surrounds the city of Qingdao, China, where Olympians will sail.

### BEIJING

#### China Mobilizes Thousands To Clean Up Olympics Venue

China has called in thousands of people to clean up an algal bloom at the sailing venue for this summer's Olympic Games, a state news agency said. The blue-green algae blossomed around June 1 in the waters around Qingdao on the coast of Shandong province, and some 400 boats and 3,000 people have been mobilized to clean it up, the Xinhua News Agency said. (AP)

### DILI, EAST TIMOR

#### President Says He Might Take U.N. Human Rights Job

President Jose Ramos-Horta, who narrowly escaped an assassination attempt by rebel soldiers earlier this year, said Thursday he was consid-

ering taking a new job as U.N. human rights chief. Ramos-Horta told members of parliament last week that he had already "accepted the job."

However, U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said Thursday that he had not offered the job to anyone. (AP)

### KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

#### Militants Attack Troops In U.S.-Led Coalition, Kill 3

Militants attacked a convoy of troops from the U.S.-led coalition patrolling south of the Afghan capital on Thursday, killing three of them and an Afghan interpreter. The nationality of the troops was not released, though the coalition is dominated by American forces. International and Afghan forces were searching for the attackers, a coalition statement said. (AP)

92%

The amount of Afghanistan's share of opium production worldwide, according to the U.N. drug report.



Ramos-Horta

## World



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. PRESIDENT:** Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev has approved a bill to create a holiday on his July 6 birthday to honor the nation's capital, Astana, Kazakh media reported Thursday. Parliament, which is made up solely of members of the pro-presidential party, put forward the bill.

# Mugabe: Open to Talks With Rival

**Zimbabwe runoff vote to occur despite foreign calls for postponement**

**HARARE, ZIMBABWE** | Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe said he is open to talks with the opposition, which is boycotting Friday's runoff because its leader says state-sponsored violence has made it impossible to take part.

World leaders have dismissed the runoff as a sham, and Nigeria became the latest African nation to call for its postponement, but officials say the election will go ahead with opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai's name on the ballot. Tsvangirai predicted that people could be forced to vote.

"There could be a massive turnout, not because of the will of the people, but because of the role of the military and ... traditionally people being forced to the polls," Tsvangirai said in a Thursday interview with British Broadcasting Corp.

Mugabe had shown little interest in talks, and his government had scoffed at the Movement for Democratic Change's call Wednesday to form a transitional authority.



Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe greets supporters at his final campaign rally in Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe, Thursday.

"We remain open to discussion with the MDC," Mugabe said at a rally in Chitungwiza.

But Zimbabwean Deputy Information Minister Bright Matonga said Mugabe's words did not indicate that the leader was softening toward

the opposition. He said Mugabe had always insisted that the runoff must take place in accordance with the country's constitution.

Matonga would not say how soon after the election the two parties would meet, but said that if Mugabe

won the election, he would address the nation soon afterward.

Tsvangirai won the first round of the presidential election on March 29 but did not gain an outright majority against Mugabe, who has held power since 1980. **ANGUS SHAW (AP)**

# Dozens Die in Iraq Bombings

**23 are killed in attack on pro-government Sunni sheiks' meeting**

**BAGHDAD** | A suicide bomber attacked a meeting of pro-government Sunni sheiks west of Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 23 people, including three U.S. Marines. At least 18 more people died in a car bombing in Mosul.

Both attacks happened in Sunni Arab areas where al-Qaeda in Iraq has been active. They appeared to be part of a campaign by both Sunni and Shiite extremists to undermine U.S. efforts to shore up local administrations and boost the security gains achieved since last year.

The target of the Mosul blast appeared to be the provincial governor, who was near the explosion but escaped injury.

The U.S. military announced that al-Qaeda's top leader in Mosul, known by his nickname Abu Khalaf, was killed in a raid two days earlier. U.S. officials say Mosul is the last major Iraqi city where al-Qaeda has a significant presence.

Thursday's attack on Sunni sheiks took place at a building in the city of Karmah. **ROBERT H. REID (AP)**

# Berlin Marks 60 Years Since Airlift

**Cold War operation likely saved city from falling to Soviets**

**BERLIN** | Germany marked the 60th anniversary of the start of the Berlin Airlift on Thursday, celebrating an undertaking that likely saved the city from falling to the Soviets and helped mend German-American wounds from World War II.

Often called the first battle of the Cold War, the airlift pitted the United States and the Soviets against one another for the first time and set the tone for the decades to come.

The airlift's significance wasn't immediately apparent, however, when it began on June 26, 1948.

The future looked "bleak" to Berliners at the time, said Helmut Trotnow, director of Berlin's Allied



Children watch a plane from the Tempelhof airport in Berlin during the airlift in an undated photo. Germany marked the 60th anniversary of the airlift's start Thursday.

Museum. "If it hadn't been for the success of the airlift, history would have looked very different," he said. "It really is a turning point."

After the war, Berlin was divided among Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union. In an

effort to squeeze the Western powers out of Berlin, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin in June 1948 blockaded all rail, road and ship traffic into the city.

On June 26, the U.S. and Britain launched "Operation Vittles" — an unprecedented airlift that

**“If it hadn't been for the success of the airlift, history would have looked very different.”**

**HELMUT TROTNOW,**  
BERLIN'S ALLIED MUSEUM

would supply about 2 million West Berliners with food and fuel for 11 months until the Soviets lifted the blockade and several months after that as well.

"It changed my life entirely," said retired airlift pilot Gail Halvorsen at a ceremony at the U.S. Army Airfield in Wiesbaden.

Halvorsen, 87, is probably the best known of the airlift pilots — remembered for dropping candy to Berlin children in handkerchief parachutes. **DAVID RISING (AP)**

**TOKYO | BIG BIRD**



**DINO SOARS:** A girl looks at a full-scale replica of the largest winged creature ever discovered, the Quetzalcoatlus, at an exhibition in Tokyo Thursday.



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The amount, in millions of dollars, that Smithsonian Board of Regents chairman Roger Sant and his wife, Vicki donated, to support the new Ocean Hall at the National Museum of Natural History. The exhibit will be named the Sant Ocean Hall in their honor.

## Local

# Fenty Dismayed by Gun Ban Ruling

## D.C. mayor, MPD will take 21 days to revise gun registration laws

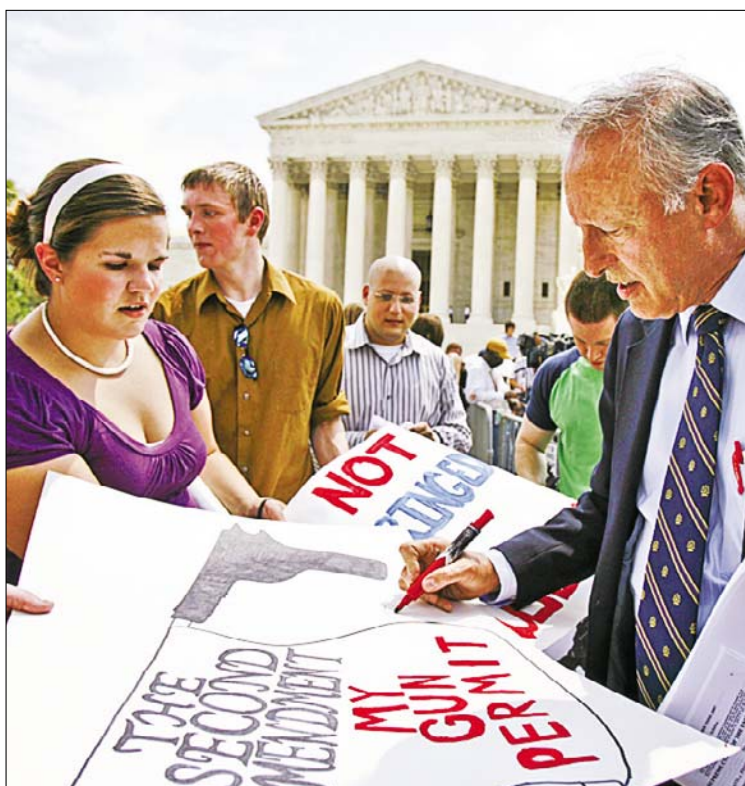
D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty expressed disappointment Thursday with the Supreme Court's decision striking down the city's gun law, warning that, "More handguns will lead to more handgun violence."

At a news conference two hours after the court overturned the city's ban on handguns, Fenty said he viewed Thursday's ruling as narrowly tailored to guns in the home and not on the street, emphasizing that the city can still bar handguns from being carried outside of the home.

The District now must create new regulations detailing the process for registering handguns, which the Supreme Court said can be kept in homes for self-defense. The city has regulations already on the books, which have been largely moot because of the gun ban, but those rules likely will be updated and revised, officials said.

Fenty said the city's police department will take 21 days to develop the requirements for registering a handgun in the District.

The challenge to the ban was



Dick Heller, right, a security guard who sued the District of Columbia after it rejected his application to keep a handgun at his home, signs autographs Thursday.



Fenty

filed in 2003 on behalf of six District residents, one of whom was deemed to have legal standing. That plaintiff is Dick A. Heller, a security guard who lives on Capitol Hill. Outside the courthouse, Heller said he planned to seek his permit "very soon."

Alan Gura, the lead attorney for the plaintiffs on the case, said the question now becomes which types of restrictions can be imposed without crossing the line into unreasonable limits.

"It's a great day for the city of Washington and for all law-abiding Americans. ... The court today did its duty by striking down legislation that interfered with individual liberties," Gura said. "That's why we have a Supreme Court."

DAVID NAKAMURA AND PAUL DUGGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

### 32 Years Later | A History of the D.C. Gun Ban

#### June 1976

D.C. Council votes 12-1 to restrict city residents from acquiring handguns.

#### Feb. 2003

Six residents sue the city, arguing law illegally prevents home gun rights.

#### March 2007

U.S. Court of Appeals finds D.C. law illegally bars guns in homes.

#### May 2007

Federal appeals court lets stand ruling striking down restrictive D.C. gun ban.

#### June 26, 2008

Supreme Court strikes down the D.C. ban on handguns.

## The Lotteries

### Thursday, June 26

#### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-0-6
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Mid-day DC 4	1-2-8-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	3-1-5-7
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	4-23-25-32-34
Daily 6 (Wed.)	1-4-24-28-29-30 Bonus: 27
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	13-15-18-22-39 (17)

#### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	7-4-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-7-0
Mid-day Pick 4	6-5-1-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-7-1-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-11-19-31-39 Bonus: 9
Lotto (Wed.)	6-21-24-35-38-43

#### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	2-8-6
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-4-2
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	6-1-9-9
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-6-2-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	2-9-13-20-32
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	5-6-10-23-33
Win for Life (Wed.)	1-12-15-25-40-41

#### MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	14-21-25-45-53 (9)
Power Play	2X
Mega Millions (Tues.)	10-22-36-50-53
Mega Ball	39

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.

## Metro Board Approves \$1.9B Transit Budget

The Metro board of directors Thursday approved a \$1.9 billion budget that includes \$21 million in service and security improvements for the subway and bus systems, and the paratransit service for people with disabilities.

The budget for the fiscal year that begins Tuesday includes \$1.3 billion for operating expenses and \$527 million for capital spending. The operating budget includes money for 28 new police officers for plainclothes and special event operations, such as Fourth of July celebrations, marathons and sports events.

The spending plan also includes \$3 million to add more buses to heavily used routes.

In addition, Metro will continue to extend Yellow Line service to Fort Totten during off-peak periods and run Red Line trains during off-peak hours to the end of the line at Shady Grove.

MetroAccess, the paratransit service, which has experienced a 16 percent growth in ridership, will receive up to 100 more vehicles and will switch from curb-to-curb to door-to-door service beginning Sunday.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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# Money



**BILL'S GOODBYE:** Bill Gates will end his full-time tenure as leader of Microsoft Friday, turning over the reigns of the company he helped build into an industry giant. Gates will have a part-time role with the company and will focus more time on his charitable foundation.

## Oil Price Keeps Rising as Dow Falls

Industrial index hits lowest trading level in nearly 2 years

NEW YORK | A barrage of bad news, including a new record high for oil, sent Wall Street plunging Thursday, hurtling the Dow Jones industrials down nearly 360 points to their lowest level in nearly two years.

Oil's surge past \$140 per barrel was just one of the day's worrisome developments. Warnings about the key financial, automotive and high-tech industries added up to an increasingly troubled economy.

The Dow closed at its low of the day, down 358.41, or 3.03 percent, to 11,453.42, its lowest finish since Sept. 11, 2006, while all the major indexes lost about 3 percent.

Analysts' negative comments on General Motors Corp. drove shares of the largest U.S. automaker to their lowest level in more than 30 years, while Citigroup Inc. fell sharply after an analyst placed a "sell" rating on the stock and warned



Trader Al Young, right, sits at a post on the New York Stock Exchange trading floor on Thursday. The Dow Jones industrials fell nearly 360 points during trading.

investors to expect less from the brokerage sector in an uneasy economic climate. Disappointing outlooks from technology bellwethers Oracle Corp. and BlackBerry maker

Research In Motion Ltd. further soured investors' moods.

The gloom was compounded by an unnerving forecast about oil prices that raised the specter of higher

inflation and even more damage to the economy.

OPEC President Chakib Khelil was quoted as telling a French tele-

**Wall Street fears rising prices will only add to the nation's economic woes.**

vision station that oil could rise to between \$150 and \$170 per barrel this summer.

The stream of downbeat assessments drove home to investors how much U.S. companies stand to be hurt from the fallout of the prolonged housing slump, the nearly year-old credit crisis and the soaring price of oil.

The great fear on the Street has been that rising prices and worries about their finances will force consumers to further curb their spending. (AP)

## New Rule May End Dominance Of '.Com' Sites

NEW YORK | The Internet's key oversight agency relaxed rules Thursday to permit the introduction of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of new Internet domain names to join ".com," making the first sweeping changes in the network's 25-year-old addressing system.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers unanimously approved the new guidelines. The rules would make it easier for companies and groups to propose new suffixes. ICANN had accepted bids for new domains in 2000 and 2004, but reviews took time, and one — "post" for postal services — remains pending more than four years later. (AP)



**KEEPS ON GIVING:** Lawmakers in Michigan are considering legislation that would make stores accept gift cards for at least five years after selling them. (AP)

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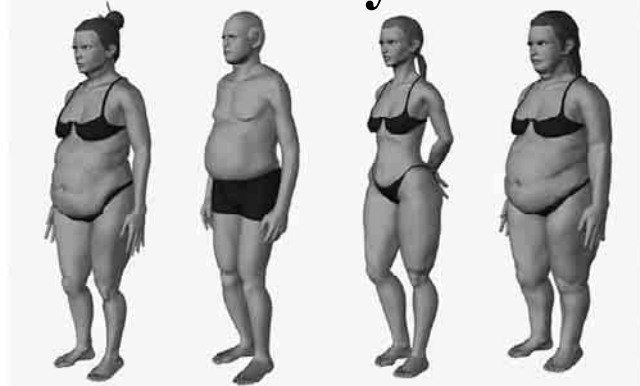
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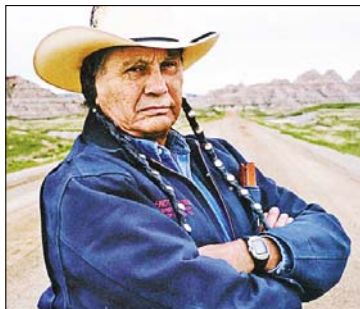
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Are you a TV quizmaster? Take our quiz about this past prime-time season and find out. **TV WEEK**



### → Conductor's Coda

Leonard Slatkin, who ends his 12-year tenure as conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra Sunday night, looks back on his career here and forward to his new job. **STYLE & ARTS**

### → A Campy Idea

You might not think of the D.C. area as a place to pitch your tent, but there are some pretty good places to camp. We tell you where. **SUNDAY SOURCE**



**WHERE THERE'S SMOKE:** The volcano goes off every 20 minutes at the Hawaiian Rumble mini-golf course in Myrtle Beach.

# Ready to Rumble

## Armed with a putter, a brave man survives Myrtle Beach's kitsch

**IN TRAVEL** | It is a terrain of surpassing beauty: gently rolling, bathed in emerald, covered by an ominous mist. It is morning. A gentle breeze tries, and fails, to cut the humidity. With each step, I inch closer to the rumbling giant, my heart racing as I wind my way through dense underbrush.

All at once, there it is: the volcano itself, vast and roiling. It dominates the landscape, cloaking me in shadow. I struggle to get a better look, but I've waited too long. Suddenly, the mighty mountain erupts, exploding with a deafening roar. I scramble. All sense of time is lost.

At some point, I look down. Remarkably, I am still clutching my putter, having retreated to the

relative safety of the 12th hole. You tried to best me, oh, Hawaiian Rumble miniature golf course in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. But I have dug deep, and survival is mine.

Until, that is, exactly 20 minutes from now, when the thing will go off again.

Not wanting to tempt fate twice, I bolt to the clubhouse. There, behind a counter covered with golf clubs of every conceivable size and golf balls of every conceivable hue, sits Bo Taylor. He is, I decide, a rare sort of South Carolinian. Rare not because he spends most of his waking hours at Hawaiian Rumble, the most important course in what is indisputably the mini-golf capital of the world. No, Taylor is rare because of his decades-long, unrepentant curator's love of kitsch. Good kitsch, I mean.

Myrtle Beach's ability to attract and breed kitsch is something even



Mini golf isn't just a hobby in the summer resort area — it's an obsession.

more fearsome than Taylor's volcano. And that's no small part of the area's charm.

"I joke about it, but it's very serious business," says Taylor. How serious? Olympic Games serious. It turns out that Taylor and a guy by the name of Bob Detwiler are busily readying for the day that the International Olympic Committee decides to add miniature golf to its roster. For now, Detwiler, who is president of the U.S. ProMiniGolf Association, is content to run the group's Masters tournament, which is played here each

## for more ...

### SUNDAY IN TRAVEL

Read Scott Vogel's complete musings on the kitschy charms of Myrtle Beach, from which this article is excerpted.

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fall. In past years, Masters winners have received about \$18,000 in prize money, not to mention a green jacket. "Let me rephrase that: You get a green windbreaker," says Taylor.

During a recent three-day stay, I heard variously that there were 36, 46 or 50 mini-golf courses along the 60-mile strip known as the Grand Strand. Whatever the actual number of mini-golf opportunities, suffice it to say that you can see more plaster dinosaurs, pirates, airplanes, dragons, tiki torches and safari jeeps; more lost worlds and faux idol worship; more fountains spraying Ty-D-Bol blue water than can possibly be healthy.

Still, every evening, when the temperature at last drops into the 80s, here they come: sunburned dads hoping to extend their beer buzzes from dinner and kids exhausted from long days playing in dishwater-gray waves on a sand castle-ready shoreline. The mood on the course at such hours is subdued, the silence broken only occasionally by the sound of fountains. And every 20 minutes by an erupting volcano.

I decide to accept the fact — as I drive by Captain Hook's and Dragon's Lair and Mt. Atlantis — that the mystery of Myrtle Beach's elaborate homages to miniature golf will never be solved. Like the wrath unleashed by the Mayan god Chak on the golfers at Cancun Lagoon, you just have to roll with it.

SCOTT VOGEL (THE WASHINGTON POST)



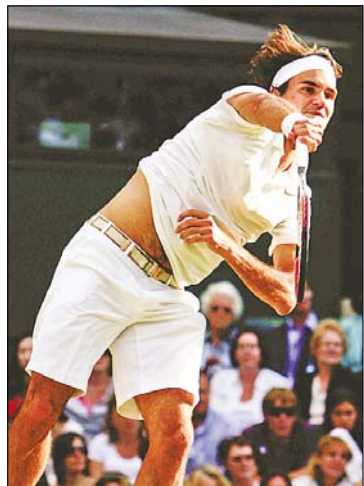
# Weekend <sup>Sports</sup>

## ORIOLES

**Above Average:** Led by rookies and role players, the Orioles bring their above-.500 record to D.C. for a series against the Nats. | 14



## TV Lineup



Roger Federer will try to continue his march to a sixth straight Wimbledon title.

## friday

**3 P.M.** Craving more U.S. Open excitement? The Women's U.S. Open tees off in the afternoon and continues into the evening. ESPN

**7:30 P.M.** The Arena Football League wild-card playoffs kick off when the New York Dragons (8-8) visit the Dallas Desperados (12-4). ESPN

## saturday

**8 A.M.** Wake up early if you want to watch the top non-Americans at Wimbledon. ESPN2

**2:30 P.M.** The Bronx Bombers head to Queens as the Yankees and Mets continue their subway series. FOX

**8 P.M.** If you can't make it out to Richmond, you can still watch the IndyCar SunTrust Indy Challenge from the couch. ESPN

**8 P.M.** Gear up for the 2008 Olympics by watching the U.S. Olympic track and field trials. NBC

## sunday

**2:45 P.M.** Germany will play Spain in the 2008 European Championship finals. ABC

**3 P.M.** Finally, Wimbledon is on at a reasonable hour. Will any of the top names still be playing? ESPN

**7 P.M.** The Windy City series heads to the south side as the Chicago Cubs battle the cross-town rival White Sox at Comiskey Park. ESPN



David Beckham celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Kansas City. The Galaxy, which comes to RFK Stadium on Sunday, is 16-14-5 all-time against D.C. United.

# Out of This World

United has the tough task of trying to stop a potent Galaxy offense

**UNITED** | It's hard to be hotter than D.C. United's Luciano Emilio, who has left his indifferent start in the dust with seven goals in his past five games.

And yet that still likely wouldn't be enough to guarantee a starting spot for the Los Angeles Galaxy, who have lived up to the hype and come into Sunday afternoon's showdown at RFK Stadium boasting MLS' two leading scorers and its most prolific offense.

In addition to U.S. national team star Landon Donovan (11 goals in 10 games) and the resurgent Edson Buddle (nine in 10), the West-leading Galaxy (6-4-3) features a David Beckham who, this season, has been

## A STORIED RIVALRY

D.C. and L.A. met in the first MLS Cup final and have been the U.S.' marquee clubs, accounting for half of the league's titles. Some key games:



L.A. at RFK, 1-0, for the first time in five years.

→ **Aug. '07** — Beckham's first Galaxy goal, left, beats D.C. in the SuperLiga.

→ **Oct. '96** — D.C. recovers from a 2-0 deficit in the rain-soaked waning moments to steal the first MLS title in overtime, 3-2.

→ **Nov. '99** — MVP Ben Olsen and United stroll to their second MLS Cup with a 2-0 win in Boston.

→ **Aug. '07** — D.C. spoils David Beckham's MLS debut before a sold-out home crowd, defeating

just as good as advertised.

Now healthy after an inaugural MLS campaign that was plagued by injury, the English icon has been at his active and incisive best. He has four goals and six assists, and still can turn any possession into a scoring opportunity with his accurate and timely passes.

"It's a potent offense, and they're

going to come at you in different ways. It's going to take our best effort to keep them out of the net," D.C. defender Devon McTavish said. "We have to limit Beckham's service out wide. We have to limit his space out there. He's a world-class player. He always finds a way.

"And in terms of Donovan and Buddle, they're different players,

but they're about finding the back of the net for him."

The challenge will be a stiff one for a United defense that has been the league's worst. Integrating a new goalkeeper (Zach Wells, who has struggled) and two new starters has proven difficult, as D.C. (6-7-1) has yielded the most goals in MLS (25) and is the only team yet to post a shutout. But United has won three straight, thanks to its improving offense, and fighting fire with fire may be D.C.'s best hope on Sunday.

"I think the key will be to keep the ball," United's Clyde Simms said. "We do that and it's going to be a tough one. You waste a lot more energy defending than attacking, so if we keep the ball and make them run around a little bit, make their attacking options a little tired, then I think we can do well." BRIAN STRAUS



**TENNIS | The Birds** The pigeons around the All England Club are safe — for now. Wimbledon organizers came under fire from animal rights groups for using marksmen to eradicate some pesky pigeons Sunday, but they have pledged to use only two hawks to keep the birds away for the remainder of the tournament. Wimbledon organizers said the extreme pest control response had been deemed necessary only because pigeons were creating a health risk around the players' lawn and a restaurant. (EXPRESS)



# Spain Advances to Finals

Europe's perennial underachievers are favorites vs. Germany

**EURO 2008** | Please don't tell Spain it has been made an odds-on choice to win the European Championship.

The Spaniards scored three second-half goals Thursday to beat Russia 3-0 and reach the final for the first time in 24 years, giving the team a chance to shed its status as one of soccer's biggest underachievers.

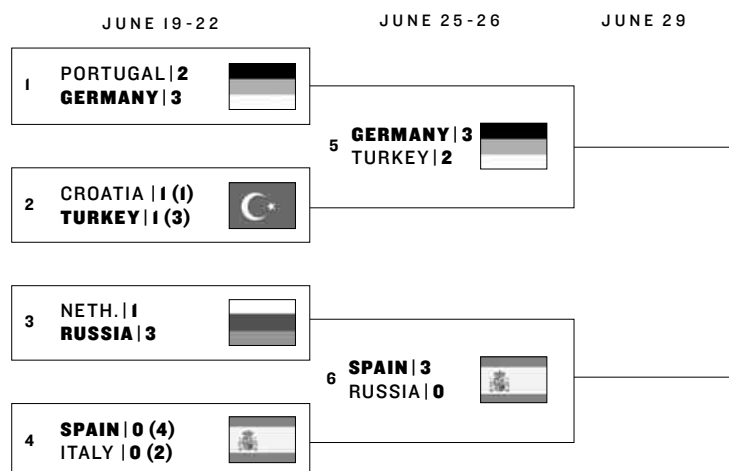
"For many years we haven't won anything, while Germany is always up there fighting for the titles," said Xavi Hernandez, who scored Spain's first goal. "So, I would say Germany is the favorite."

Dani Guiza and David Silva also scored to give the Spaniards a shot at their second European title on Sunday in Vienna. Spain,



David Silva, top, jumps into a teammate's arms after scoring Spain's third goal.

## ROAD TO GLORY | EURO 2008



which won the 1964 European tournament, ended its run of five quarterfinal defeats by beating Italy in a penalty shootout Sunday. It solidified its title aspira-

tions with a penetrating passing attack on a slick surface in pouring rain against Russia.

"It was difficult, especially the first half. I think it was an extraor-

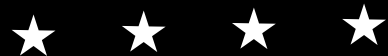
dinary second half," Spain coach Luis Aragones said. "That's what we wanted, to be in the final. But there's an adversary called Germany; that is going to be interesting."

The Spaniards and Germans have not played a competitive match since a 1-1 draw in the 1994 World Cup. Overall, Germany has won eight of 19 meetings, with Spain taking five and six draws. In competitive games, it is 4-1-2 for Germany.

Germany beat Turkey 3-2 on Wednesday night and is seeking a record fourth Euro title.

"This team is already making history, but we can do even more," striker Fernando Torres said. "We're proud of reaching the final, and against Germany on top of it all, which is a great rival."

Spain will face Germany without striker David Villa, who was injured while taking a free kick in the first half. Villa, the tournament's leading scorer with four goals was replaced by Cesc Fabregas in the 34th minute. **ROB MURRAY (AP)**

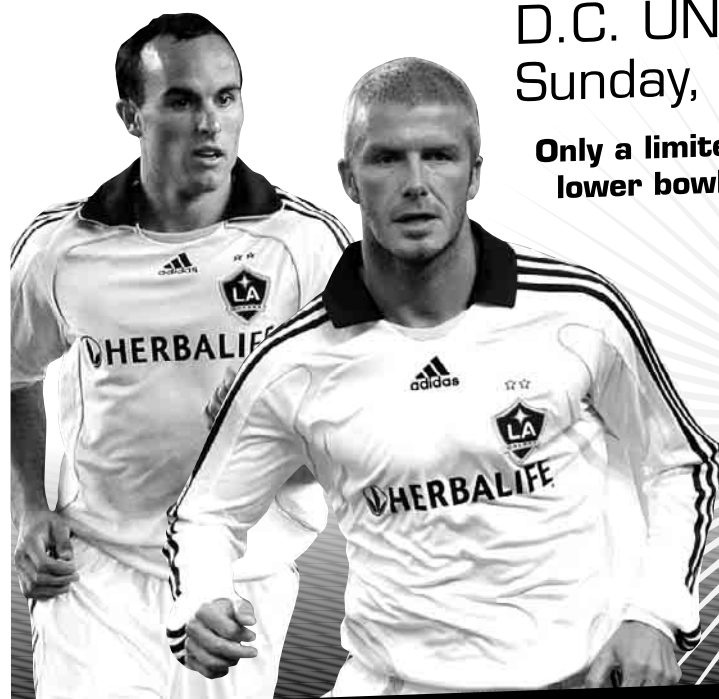


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# Weekend Sports

## Swengali

BASEBALL | BY MATT SWENSON

### Play by the Same Rules — No DH

FROM THE RIDICULOUS to the sublime, the debate over the designated hitter is back at baseball's forefront.

There shouldn't be any argument about it. There's no need for a player who can't play the field, just as there's no cause for a pitcher to be completely hapless at the plate.

Let's start with the preposterous case of Yankees ace Chien-Ming Wang, who, incredibly, managed to land on the disabled list because running the bases was too difficult.

After Wang sprained his right foot, Yankees owner Hank Steinbrenner blamed the entire National League — in which the DH mer-

**There's no reason the No. 9 spot in the lineup has to be an automatic out.**

cifully doesn't exist — and called for the senior circuit to join the American League in using designated hitters.

As a counter-argument of sorts, Cleveland's C.C. Sabathia homered last Sunday against the Dodgers, and, more impressively, Seattle's Felix Hernandez blasted a grand slam off the Mets' Johan Santana Tuesday night.

Some good has come out of the DH. Paul Molitor's career was extended long enough for him to reach the Hall of Fame, and Harold Baines also made a nice living long after his knees gave out.

But let's get real. Pitchers should be real players. There's no reason the No. 9 spot in the lineup has to be an automatic out.

Steinbrenner is right: The leagues need to play by the same rules. Just have the throwers take some batting practice — and practice jogging around the bases — and the game will be better off.

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# Less Means More for O's

Without big-name players, the Orioles are quietly above .500

ORIOLES | Baltimore has been the forgotten team in the American League East for so long that it makes sense their success story would be fairly anonymous.

As of the middle of the week, the Orioles were just 6.5 games out of first in the American League East. But that still put them in fourth place behind the surprising Devil Rays, the traditionally strong Yankees and the defending-champion Red Sox.

"The wheels [are] not coming off the wagon," Orioles manager Dave Trembley said. "We know we have to earn it. I think it starts with attitude."

"We have to earn respect, and we have to get people back on board here."

That quest continues when Baltimore comes to town this weekend to play the Nationals. The O's took two of three from Washington when the teams squared off in May.

Baltimore hasn't finished with a record of .500 or better since 1997. They've started seasons well since then only to tank in the second half.

The difference between those teams and the 2008 squad is in the names. Gone are the players



A combination of rookies like Adam Jones, right, and glue guys like Kevin Millar, left, has brought a winning attitude to Baltimore.

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with big reputations who filled the middle of the lineup yet produced only fourth-place division finishes. They've been replaced with rising star Nick Markakis and glue guys

who can still get an RBI like Kevin Millar. Sure, there's still a questionable expenditure mixed in with DH Aubrey Huff (\$8 million salary), but even he is on pace for a 25-plus home run season.

The mix of young faces and journeymen has brought camaraderie into the clubhouse.

"It really helps that everybody's pulling that little extra bit for each other," Orioles closer George Sherrill said.

With three teams ahead of them

in the division race, it will be hard for Charm City's feel-good story to end with a pennant, or even the wild card. Still, few thought they'd be in this position at the beginning of the season.

"I don't think anybody expected us to be where we are," Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts said. "It's just a matter of doing it as a team and believing in yourself and learning how to win. And I think that's what we're starting to do."

ERIC BRANDNER

## One Last Quest for Mystic

Well-traveled forward McWilliams-Franklin hopes to win a title

MYSTICS | "I want to win a title. I haven't won one. That's the main goal."

Unfortunately for 37-year-old forward/center Taj McWilliams-Franklin, she plays for the 5-8 Washington Mystics, and despite the remarkable numbers she's put up this year — even going 12-14 and 10-11 from the floor in two recent losses — she has been unable to carry the team to victory.

McWilliams-Franklin, the fifth-



McWilliams-Franklin, right, is the team leader in steals, blocks and rebounds.

leading rebounder in WNBA history, graduated from St. Edwards University in 1993 as the NAIA Player of the Year. But due to the lack of pro-

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fessional hoops opportunities in the United States at the time, she went to Germany and Israel to play.

"I've been to almost every country imaginable to play either a team there or in some kind of tournament," she remarked.

McWilliams-Franklin sees herself as a Dennis Rodman-Scottie Pippen hybrid, and her numbers bear the comparison: She leads the

Mystics in steals, blocks, rebounds and shooting percentage, and is second in points and minutes.

"It is about heart, not height," McWilliams-Franklin said. "There's a knack for being in good places to rebound and knowing where they're going to come off."

But unlike Rodman, who won five NBA titles, and Pippen, who won six, McWilliams-Franklin has gone from team to team without much luck. Last year, she played for the L.A. Sparks, one of the WNBA's perennial contenders, during the season Lisa Leslie took off to have a baby. This year, she was traded to the Mystics, and now L.A., 10-3, is once again on top of the Western Conference.

"I think every player who hasn't won a title always wants to win a title," she said. TIM FOLLOS



# Top Americans Ousted in England

Roddick, Blake are both upset in 2nd round at Wimbledon

**TENNIS** | The ranks of American men at Wimbledon were winnowed to one Thursday, as sixth-seeded Andy Roddick and ninth-seeded James Blake were upset within two hours of each other.

Roddick, a two-time runner-up in the grass court classic, was the country's best hope of reclaiming the men's title this year. Yet despite serving 27 aces, he fell to Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic, 6-7 (5-7), 7-5, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) in a well-played battle on Centre Court, where the British crowd adopted the American as one of their own.

The crowd tried to rally his spirits, shouting, "C'mon, Ahn-dee! C'mon Ahn-dee!" repeatedly. But in the tiebreaker that settled the



A two-time Wimbledon runner-up, Andy Roddick shows his frustration during his second-round loss to Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic on Centre Court on Thursday.

outcome, Tipsarevic twice ripped backhand shots past Roddick for critical mini-breaks.

Blake, who teamed with Roddick

in December to claim the Davis Cup title for the United States, was ousted by Rainer Schuettler, 32, of Germany, 6-3, 6-7 (8-10), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

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That leaves only 102nd-ranked Bobby Reynolds to carry the country's flag in the men's draw into the third round. Reynolds, 26 has played five seasons on the pro tour without winning a tournament.

Since tennis's open era began in 1968, this is the first time fewer than two American men have advanced to Wimbledon's third round.

But the Americans weren't the only high-profile players to tumble Thursday.

Maria Sharapova, who won the title in 2004, was toppled by fellow Russian Alla Kudryavtseva, 20.

LIZ CLARKE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

## Chacon Is Cut After Grabbing Astros GM

**BASEBALL** | The Houston Astros have released Shawn Chacon, opting to cut the right-hander a day after he reportedly grabbed general manager Ed Wade by the neck and threw him to the ground.

The team requested waivers on Chacon on Thursday for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. If he isn't claimed by another major league team by Monday, waivers will expire and his contract will be terminated without pay.

Chacon, upset after getting demoted to the bullpen over the weekend, told the Houston Chronicle this problem began when Wade saw him in the dining room before the game against Texas. Wade wanted to meet with Chacon in manager Cecil Cooper's office, the pitcher said. (AP)

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# Huff Lifts Birds Past Cubs

O's win their 1st trip to Wrigley, give Cubs a rare home series loss

ORIOLES | Aubrey Huff had four hits and two RBI, Jay Payton drove in three runs and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Chicago Cubs 11-4 Thursday to become the second team to win a series at Wrigley Field this season.

Brian Roberts had two hits to extend his hitting streak to 13 games as Baltimore roughed up Jason Marquis, who hadn't lost in

his previous seven starts.

The Orioles broke it open with five runs in the third inning, winning the rubber game of their first-ever trip to Wrigley. Milwaukee is the only other team to win a series at the Cubs' home field this year.

Marquis (6-4) gave up seven runs and seven hits in four innings for Chicago, which had won seven straight series at Wrigley. He had



Huff

won his last four starts and hadn't picked up a loss since May 13.

Radhames Liz (2-0) held the Cubs to four hits and two runs in five-plus innings. The rookie walked four and struck out four in just his fifth start this season.

Baltimore scored all of its third-inning runs with two out. Marquis walked Kevin Millar to force in a run before Huff doubled down the right-field line to make it 3-0. Payton added a two-run single.

Nick Markakis hit a two-run double in the fourth for the Orioles, who finished with 13 hits. (AP)



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# Triumph Despite Tragedy

Ochoa hopes to put deaths in family aside and win U.S. Open

**WOMEN'S GOLF** | Lorena Ochoa can make it look so easy.

She already has done more in five months than most players accomplish in five years. In just 11 tournaments, Ochoa already has captured a major championship among her six victories. She has finished out of the top 10 only once, and she set an LPGA Tour record as the fastest to earn \$2 million.

But rarely has a year been so difficult on the 26-year-old from Mexico.



Lorena Ochoa reacts to a missed birdie putt on Thursday. She finished even-par.

PAUL BATTAGLIA/AP

## ROUND ONE ACTION

**Korean Ji Young Oh surged to a two-stroke lead in the first round of the U.S. Women's Open with a 6-under 67:**

→ 18-year-old Maria Jose Uribe is tied for second with Louise Friberg after shooting 69.

→ Michelle Wie imploded on No. 9, taking a quintuple-bogey 9 on her way to an 81.

Coming off her sixth victory, she withdrew from the Ginn Tribute when her uncle died in Mexico. She returned to the McDonald's LPGA Championship to continue her pursuit of a Grand Slam, and learned

only after she finished one shot out of a playoff that her maternal grandfather had passed away.

He had been ill for some time, but Ochoa figured she would only be gone a week, plenty of time to see him again. It was at his house in Guadalajara that the family gathered to watch Ochoa dominate women's golf.

"I never really said goodbye, ... so that was tough," she said Tuesday. "He was my joy and motivation."

The hardest part now is blocking out everything around her and focusing on the task at hand: winning the Women's U.S. Open.

"The last few weeks have been rough for me," she said. "I play for a week, and I didn't play. It's been on and off, and I feel that it's important for me to get a rhythm. This is a great situation to be here in the Women's U.S. Open." DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

## Future Is Here For Indy

The next generation of IndyCar drivers gear up for Richmond race

**AUTO RACING** | It didn't take Graham Rahal long to make a name for himself. Just 19 years old, Rahal drove to victory in his first career IndyCar race in St. Petersburg this April, becoming the youngest driver ever to win.

But, of course, Rahal already had a name people recognized.

His father, Bobby, was a decorated open-wheel racer and won the Indianapolis 500 in 1986. Along with drivers like A.J. Foyt IV and Marco Andretti, Graham is one of a handful of young drivers who have taken over open-wheel racing from their fathers. They come to the Richmond International Raceway for Saturday's SunTrust Indy Challenge.

"The biggest advantage it gives IndyCar racing is that, for a lot of the fans, they grew up cheering for those names," Rahal says. "So, I think that, for a lot of people, it kind of brings you back to what it was before the split and the names



Graham Rahal, son of Bobby Rahal, celebrates his first career IndyCar win.

MIKE CARLSON/AP

that there were, and it gives you someone to cheer for."

This season, the next generation of IndyCar racers have started to make names for themselves — whether their fathers were famous or not. Ryan Briscoe, 26, got his first career win a few weeks ago, and Danica Patrick, 26, picked up her first win in April. Andretti, 21, is eighth in the standings.

The old guys still have their place. Helio Castroneves, 33, and Tony Kanaan, 33, are second and fourth in the standings, respectively.

"And those two are easily capable of winning many more races — that's the thing," says Rahal. "But I think it is time for the young guys to step up." IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

## Real Street Ballers Hit D.C.

Homeless soccer teams flock to Washington for World Cup Trials

**HOMELESS WORLD CUP** | Maurice King has been homeless — living and working at the Community Center for Nonviolence in downtown Washington — since a nasty divorce forced him out on the street in 2003.

A technical writer by trade, King, 56, hadn't played soccer since high school. But when a co-worker told him about D.C.'s street soccer team and asked him to play, he couldn't say no.

"I said to him, 'I'm not going to pass up the challenge,'" said King. "So, I gave it my all and went out for the team."

He is now the goalie and a captain for the D.C. team.

The Homeless World Cup is in its sixth year, and there are dozens of stories like King's. Lawrence and Rob Cann started the first U.S. program in Charlotte, N.C., in 2004. Its players have set three-, six- and 12-month goals for soccer and their lives.

"A lot of them have been shoved around from group home to group home," Lawrence said. "It's about unconditional love, bringing people in and working with them."

Jarvis "Hoover" Weaver was shoved out of foster care after he



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Players practice in Charlotte, where the first street soccer team was formed in '04.

## WHAT IS THIS SPORT?

**Street soccer is played on a small court (22 m by 16 m) with walls and four players on a team:**

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turned 18. He was fooling around on the soccer field at the Urban Ministry Center in Charlotte where the Canns work when someone told him

to come out for the team.

Now, he is just two tests away from obtaining his GED, his three-month goal. This weekend, he is coming to D.C. with his team for the U.S. Trials for the Homeless World Cup. The players will stay in GW housing, go to the L.A. Galaxy-D.C. United game and vie for a spot on the U.S. team, which travels to Melbourne, Australia, in December.

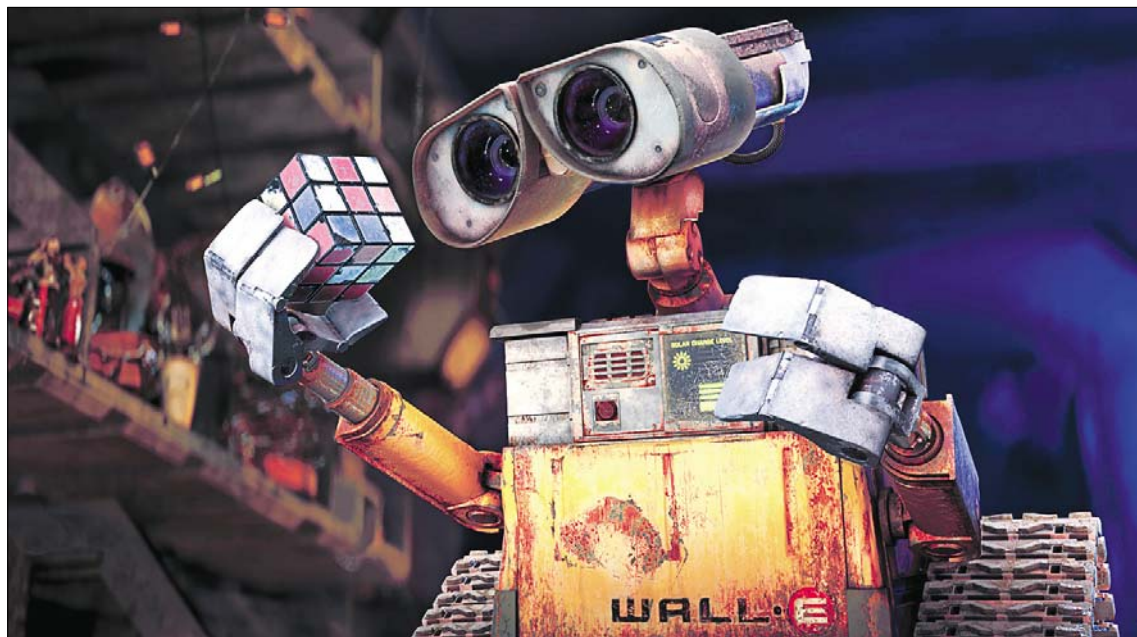
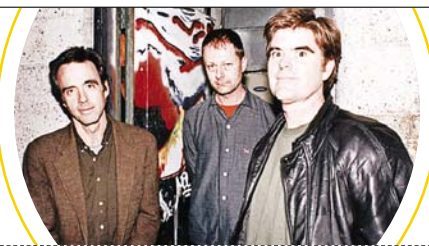
"You build these relationships, and it's another pair of eyes — people are accountable to the team," Lawrence Cann said. "And it really makes the social work more effective." IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)



# Entertainment Weekend

## PUNK

**Do They Mean 'Myanmar'?:** Trio Mission of Burma will perform the entirety of their 1982 album "Vs." at Black Cat Saturday night | 19



**E.T. SOLVE CUBE?** A wide-eyed robot with a curious mind makes "WALL-E" the latest in Pixar's long run of artistic successes.

## Silent Wonder

**In 'WALL-E,' a little robot brings humanity back to the universe**

**FILM** | Within the rumbling, stumbling hunk of junk that is WALL-E beats the sweetest, warmest heart — a robotic representation of humanity's highest potential.

And within the sci-fi adventure "WALL-E" lies an artistic truth: that

Pixar's track record remains impeccable. This is the Disney computer animation arm's boldest experiment yet. "WALL-E" is essentially a silent film in which the two main characters, a mismatched pair of robots, communicate through bleeps and blips, and maybe three words between them.

And yet director Andrew Stanton ("Finding Nemo") is resourceful enough to find infinite ways for them

to express themselves — amusingly and achingly, and with emotional precision. He's also created, with the help of a team of animators, a visual marvel. Not that this is in any way surprising from a Pixar flick, but, still, it's worth noting.

Ben Burtt, who created R2-D2's signature sound effects in the "Star Wars" movies, provides the "voice" of WALL-E, or Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class. Seven hundred

years after Earth was abandoned, leaving the planet looking like a post-apocalyptic Tomorrowland, WALL-E is still doing the job he was programmed to do: pick up all the trash he sees around him and compress it into tidy packages.

But he's a romantic at heart with an eye for nostalgia, sifting through garbage for items like bowling pins, a Rubik's Cube, an iPod, a spork. He's an odd, lovely combination: He carries himself like a little old man but has the innocence and wonderment of a child. It's only upon the arrival of the sleek, shiny Eve (voiced by Elissa Knight), a robot sent back on a search mission, that he realizes how lonely he's been.

Meanwhile, somewhere in the universe, the remaining humans are lolling about in a giant flying cruise ship. Thanks to the big, evil corporation that runs the place (and ruined Earth), every convenience is available at their chubby fingertips — we as a people have gotten fatter and lazier in the future, it seems. And the possibility of useless consumption is overpowering and ever-present.

So, maybe it's more than a little hypocritical for a movie that's being distributed by a worldwide entertainment conglomerate to condemn needless spending.

You could busy your brain with such complex thoughts. You're more likely, though, to walk out of the theater with the rare joy of knowing that you've just witnessed something that touched your heart. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



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**SEASONS OF HYPE:** Rock opera "Rent" performs at Wolf Trap this weekend.

**I am going to see "Rent" at Wolf Trap tonight and want to bring a picnic. Can you eat on the lawn and then bring empty coolers down to the seats, or are they really strict about what you can bring down into the pavillion?**

You can definitely eat on the lawn at Wolf Trap before the show begins, and I believe you could bring an empty cooler to your seat if it's really small. Another rule is that you can't block the aisle, so a big cooler, empty or not, might still pose a problem.

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## 'Wanted' Wants for Nothing

**A thrilling, violent tale of assassins will leave you breathless**

**FILM** | The movie is called "Wanted" and the star is Angelina Jolie. No, it is not a documentary.

It is, in fact, a super-stylized, wildly outlandish action flick that will pick you up, throw you around, drop you back down on the ground and leave you begging for more. It's the ideal mindless summer movie

thrill ride.

"Wanted" follows the unlikely transformation of Wesley Gibson (James McAvoy) from miserable cubicle dweller to master assassin.

Jolie, as the appropriately named Fox, yanks Wesley from his dreary life and introduces him to the Fraternity, a secret society of freakishly skilled, highly trained killers. They've been around for 1,000 years and, as their cover, they work in a textile mill. Because no one would



**IS SHE WEARING A SEAT BELT?** Angelina Jolie fires while driving in "Wanted."

ever suspect that.

Sure, you've seen plenty of this type of amped-up nonsense before. That doesn't make "Wanted" any less enjoyable.

And certainly you could have a philosophical debate about the merits of the Fraternity's purpose: to kill people who were fated to do evil deeds anyway. But that would needlessly tax your brain, and there's no room for that now. Just sit down, shut up and hold on. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

# Entertainment Weekend

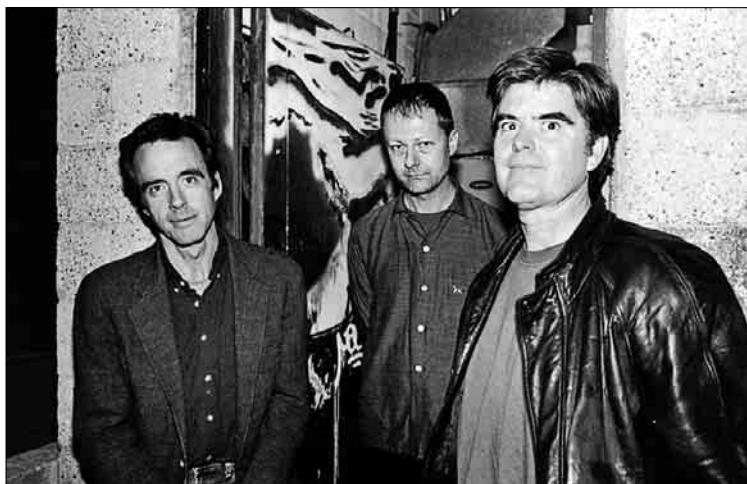
## Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

### FRIDAY

June's been a pretty great month for fans of ambient/electronic/European/neo-shoegaze. (Hands up, everyone!) A few weeks ago, M83 brought his shimmer soundscapes to the Black Cat, and tonight German electro-shoegazer Ulrich Schnauss is going to bliss out the Velvet Lounge. There might be an occasional moment of big rock bombast, but mostly you can expect things to be nicely chilled. You'll want to get to this one early, for a couple of reasons. First, this could be one of those rare Velvet Lounge sellouts and there's no way to get advance tickets. But the opening acts are plenty worth seeing. Local band Screen Vinyl Image is one of the harshest, noisiest bands in D.C. right now. The racket it creates makes the Jesus and Mary Chain's "Psychocandy" sound light and fluffy. After that band, Auburn Lull will seem even more serene and pristine by comparison.

It's taken less than three years for technological advances in the DJ world to turn spinning vinyl into a rare and even odd sight. Memories are so short that vinyl-only jocks are now seen as these romantic practitioners of an exotic art, even though the average clubgoer probably didn't notice the transition from vinyl to CDs. It wasn't until MP3 systems took over that folks started wondering why every DJ looked like he was checking his e-mail. And as long as they were dancing, they probably didn't and do not care. Even though the analog way is finally dying the death that the industry tried to force 10 years ago, spinning vinyl will always look cooler than running tunes from a laptop. But from the audience's vantage point, it's hard to note any other benefits. Most people can't tell the difference in sound from an MP3 or a record, although the professionals can. And, most importantly, digital systems have finally developed to the point where all of the tactile mixing techniques of vinyl are pos-



AT 88 MPH!: Mission of Burma will time-travel back to 1982 at the Black Cat Saturday.

sible. The ideological battle wages on, though. Lee Burridge and Scott Henry will be rocking a four-hour tag-team set of all vinyl tonight at Five to try to shut down the debate. These two platter-loving DJs should make a perfect match.

### SATURDAY

The whole old-band-performs-classic-album-in-its-entirety trend is just about the most unpunk thing we can think of, but at least this latest example leads to the best headlining act/opening act synergy we've seen in quite a while. The main draw at the Black Cat tonight will be venerable post-punk trio Mission of Burma performing its 1982 album "Vs." That album closes with "That's How I Escaped My Certain Fate," two of the most exhilarating minutes in the past few decades of music. As for the opening act, it's none other than Versus! We commend you, Black Cat booking staff. Not just for being clever, but for getting Versus to play a rare show. The longtime Teenbeat mainstays haven't been heard from too much lately, but besides the obvious nominal reasons, their soft/loud, slightly angular indie rock is a good fit opening for MoB.

It's Caribbean Carnival day,



Get your tickets to DJ Tiesto's gig at Ibiza quickly — yesterday, if possible.

and while we can't recommend the parade and the festival enough — it's one of the best parties in D.C. all year — the music is going to keep going deep into the night. Jamaican musical ambassador Byron Lee and the Dragonaires are at Zanzibar. Lee has been active in the ska scene since the '60s — his band performs in the club scene in "Dr. No," he headlined Jamaica's section of the 1964 World's Fair and he ran the Dynamic Sounds label, which put out records by Delroy Wilson and Toots and the Maytals. He's older now, but Lee is one of the authentic voices of ska and a treat to see live. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

### SUNDAY

What can we say about Tiesto that hasn't been said a million times by a million dance music fans? The last time the trance pioneer was in town, he packed the streets outside Love for a raving dance party. This time, he's playing not one but two nights at Glow at Ibiza, and tickets for Saturday night sold out in a flash. If you've never seen Tiesto live, you should experience it at least once — the vibe in the room will make the doubters understand why Tiesto deserves the Grammy nominations and the "No. 1 DJ in the World" ranking from music magazines. He's simply the best in the world at what he does. Ibiza's thunderous sound system makes it the perfect venue for this 18-and-over show. As we just said, tickets for Saturday are gone, and only a limited number remain for tonight. Get a move on if you want yours.

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## Now Playing

**BABY MAMA** (PG-13, 96 minutes) Tina Fey is an overachieving corporate vice president who hires a working-class party girl (Amy Poehler) to be a surrogate mother: Angie, a hard-edged, slightly ditzzy dame who has decided to rent out her womb at the advice of her loser of a common-law husband, Carl (Dax Shepard). Fey and Poehler could easily have become caricatures. Instead, each actress gives her character her dignity, grounding her as a recognizable human being. For those who crave mannerisms and shtick and like their jokes set up and knocked out with plenty of arrows and quote marks, the film may fall flat. But audiences alive to the modest charms of its take on female friendship will be rewarded with at least a few quiet chuckles. (AH)

**THE CHILDREN OF HUANG SHI** (R, 114 minutes) Fact, in the movies, is a lot like a license. It allows a director like Roger Spottiswoode, whose film is based on the real-life adventures of George Hogg, to forgo a lot of rudimentary construction of character to get to the nut of the story: Hogg's arrival as a reporter in 1937 Nanjing, his narrow escape from the

invasionary Japanese and his eventual journey to the edges of the Gobi desert, where he set up a school after dragging 60 Chinese orphans over a treacherous mountain range. Jonathan Rhys Meyers, who plays Hogg, has never quite found the right role for his arresting good looks and what seems to be a simmering crock-pot of pathos waiting to be loosed from his soul. This isn't it. Really, though, the best thing about the film is the cinematography by Zhao Xiaoding, which is so distracting because it so out-classes the rest of the movie. (JA)

**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN** (PG, 137 minutes) Those plucky Pevensie children make an impressive if somewhat repetitive return in this second installment. Wicked King Miraz (Sergio Castellitto) has driven the Narnians of old underground and set out to murder Narnia's rightful ruler, the young and handsome Prince Caspian (Ben Barnes). Once again, the four young crusaders do battle with the forces of evil, and once again they prove that a ragtag team can overcome swords and catapults through the sheer force of goodness. The Pevensies still make for terrific tween protagonists, and Aslan, the majestic mythical lion voiced by Liam Neeson, is still a breathtaking manifestation of the Cat Upstairs. (AH)

**FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL** (R, 110 minutes) We can either laugh or weep at man's infinite capacity to do stupid things.



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## It Happens in Vegas

**THE BROAD MESSAGE** of director Peter Tolan's "Finding Amanda" is that a network TV producer could occupy the same moral plateau as a Las Vegas prostitute. While the likely response will be "duh," Matthew Broderick is understatedly funny as Taylor Peters, a writer-producer whose disastrous half-hour sitcom is driving him back to the things he loves best — drinking and playing the horses. When his wife (Maura Tierney) kicks him out, he attempts to redeem himself by finding and rescuing Amanda (Brittany Snow), their niece, who is said to have joined the ranks of the depraved in Vegas. Amanda doesn't want to be rescued, though, and it's Taylor's struggles with his own demons and the seaminess of America's gambling mecca (this is certainly no tourist come-on) that provide most of what is a very darkly humorous film. **JOHN ANDERSON (NEWSDAY)**

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Which is why guffawing at the naked guy flexing his breasts in this film is not only time enjoyably spent, but philosophically cathartic. The male of the species — amusingly hapless Peter (Jason Segel) — retreats to Hawaii, trying to get over a traumatic breakup, only to find himself in the same hotel as his recent ex, TV actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell). **(D)**

**GET SMART** (PG-13, 110 minutes) Based on the cult TV comedy hit of the '60s, the film is slick and smooth, and ticks along primarily on the excellent chemistry between Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway in the famed Don Adams-Barbara Feldon roles as Agent 86 and his far-more-capable female partner, 99, in the employ of spy agency CONTROL. Dwayne Johnson has a nice turn as the good-natured uber-agent 23, who casually beats the stuffing out of everyone, then smiles broadly and says, "Let's go to lunch." Was there a plot? I can hardly remember. Oh, yes, now it's coming back, something stolen from Bond, in which the nefarious KAOS organization is stock-

piling nuclear weapons to extort billions from the West. As I say: darned funny! Weightless as froth, forgettable as dew, but pretty darned funny. **(SH)**

**THE HAPPENING** (R, 92 minutes) If you like suicide, here's your main ride. All others, steer clear. As M. Night Shyamalan imagines it, a strange airborne toxin is loosed upon the region, beginning in New York's Central Park at exactly 8:33 in the morning; soon, people have stopped moving for a few seconds, and then hasten to find methods of self-obliteration. Elliot Moore (Mark Wahlberg) and his wide-eyed wife, Alma (Zooey Deschanel), plus a friendly couple's child, Jess (Ashlyn Sanchez), take to the road in a tide of refugees. Shyamalan isn't entirely sure what kind of movie he's making, and he shuffles through personalities looking for one that interests him. The film stutters its way in this direction and that to a disappointing ending. **(SH)**

**THE INCREDIBLE HULK** (PG-13, 114 minutes) Sometimes even a superhero needs saving. Edward Norton, known for his hyper-intellectual style, has returned the story and character to their basics, delivering an improbably absorbing

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ing gum, baling wire and spit. Almost on the template of "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Crystal Skull" ends with an invocation of awesome power in one of those grandiose special-effects sequences for which George Lucas's Industrial Light & Magic shop is so well-known. Does it pay off? Maybe not quite, but the movie sends you out as it should, exhausted and happy, and you won't begin to think about its flaws for hours. (SH)

**IRON MAN** (PG-13, 120 minutes) Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is taken

prisoner by a warlord who orders him to build a state-of-the-art weapon. Instead, Stark builds a suit of iron, the better to bust out of the cave and give his enemies a beat-down. The real Iron Man doesn't emerge until Stark is back in California. He announces that his company is getting out of the weapons business. Thenceforth, the film sets about the business of proving that plowshares can be as sexy as swords. It succeeds only fitfully. Amid so many generic fireballs, kill shots and earsplitting thumps, bumps and crunches, the film finally collapses under its own weight. (AH)

**KUNG FU PANDA** (PG, 90 minutes) At a brisk and appropriate 88 minutes, this

computer-animated DreamWorks film is infectious and inspiring. Jack Black as panda Po and is the vocal embodiment of the lazy dreamer. Dustin Hoffman is terrific as martial arts master Shifu, who is alternately wise, worldly, irritated and mournful over the traitorous defection to the dark side of his once prize pupil Tai Lung (Ian McShane). To deflect Tai Lung's inevitable attempt to seize the legendary Dragon Scroll, Shifu has assembled the Furious Five: Tigress (Angelina Jolie), Crane (David Cross), Monkey (Jackie Chan!), Mantis (Seth Rogen) and Viper (Lucy Liu). There's not much for the supporting players to do; it is the "Po Show," the triumph of the

adorable over the malevolent. As such, it is not a documentary. It is, however, a really good time. (JA)

**THE LOVE GURU** (PG-13, 88 minutes) Mike Myers is anti-comedy if one presumes comedy ought to be smart, new, surprising or, yes, funny. In guru Pitka, half-swami, half-con man, he hasn't cooked up a character nearly as memorable as Dr. Evil, Linda Richman or Shrek (his best creation). He laughs at his own jokes far more than anyone in the audience ever will. The results are a wheezy, tired attempt to milk more laughs out of the '60s, by doing exactly what "Austin Powers" did: collect cultural references from the period, run them through

a wringer of self-satisfaction and — presto, change-o — cultural satire. Although satire seems a strong word for something so insignificant. Let us give thanks to Krishna that "Love Guru II" is at this point only a gleam in a studio executive's third eye. (JA)

**MONGOL** (R, 124 minutes) A wallow in old movie pleasures, full of battles, flying dust, thousands of men on horseback, beautiful women, treachery, slaughter, really cool hats and even more slaughter. When the big-budget, cast-o'-thousands Russian epic begins, Temudjin (played by Japanese heartthrob Tadanobu Asano), as the man who would become Genghis

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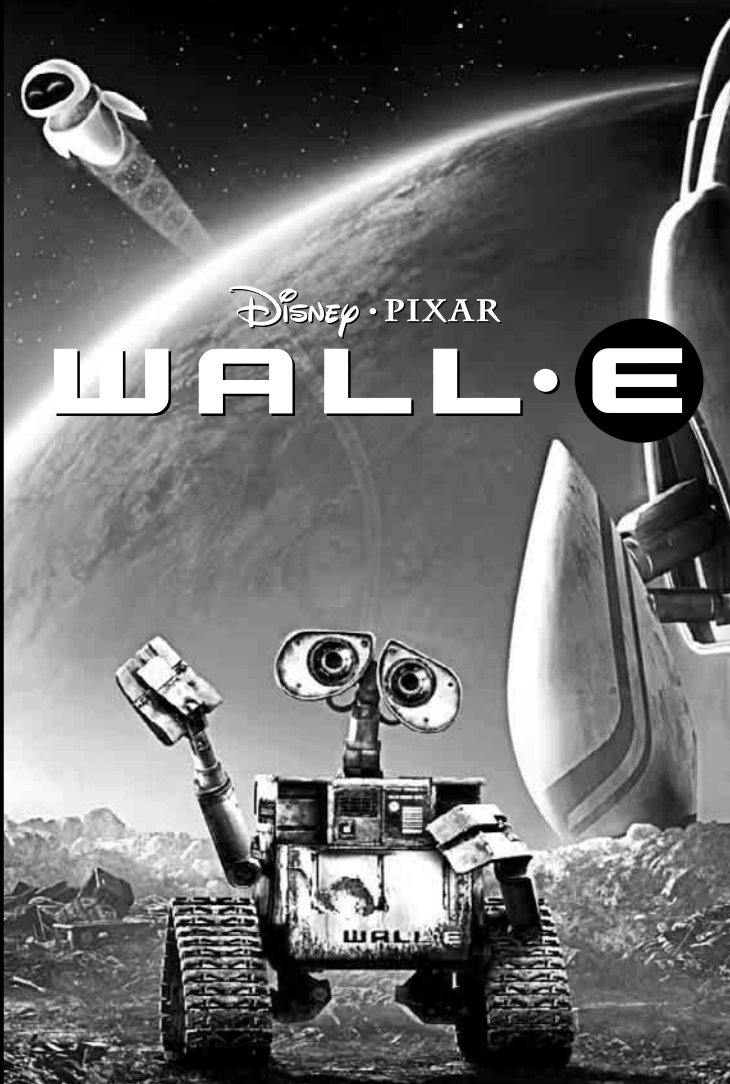
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Khan was once known, is a 9-year-old kid on his way to pick out a bride. Temudjin has seen Borte, and that's enough for him. So that core of love, lust and touchy-feely is what drives "Mongol." Still, there's a lot of guy stuff. They ride, they fight, they ride some more, they fight some more. Whoever was on the electronic blood spurt machine probably got overtime or at least a bonus. In the end, we're about a third of the way through the great Khan's life. That suggests two sequels. I, for one, can't wait. (SH)

**REPRISE** (R, 105 minutes) In his feature film debut, Joachim Trier has created a movie that posits its protagonists on a Swiss Army knife's worth of thematic edges: art and madness, youth and experience, love and obsession, obscurity and fame. That he does it with such a deft sense of equilibrium makes this



SECRET AGENT MEN: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Steve Carell take on something, well, dangerous in "Get Smart."

one of the more intriguing entries this year. Erik (Espen Klouman-Hoiner) and Phillip (Anders Danielsen Lie) are childhood friends teeming with literary ambition who at the outset of the movie send off their respective manuscripts for publication. Only Phillip's is accepted. The film says many cogent things about success and what it does to people; it also indicts the mechanics of the culture in a way that is neither Danish nor American but globalized and all the more poignant for it. (JA)

**SEX AND THE CITY** (R, 136 minutes) With its unapologetic materialism, raunchiness and heroines who managed to be sympathetic even in the midst of almost pathological self-absorption, "Sex and the City" became one of the most successful guilty pleasures in the history of Sunday night TV. The movie version succeeds just as well, cramming what used to take a whole season into a nearly 2 1/2-hour marathon of men, misery and Manolos. Clearly made for the show's devoted fans,

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THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1255 320) 605 1035  
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1120 205 450) 740 1025  
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG-13) (Stadium) (105 400) 655 945  
KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (Stadium) (1045 1205 110 235 335) 610 1045  
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1150 315) 650 1005  
INDIANA JONES: THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL (PG-13) (Stadium) (1050 135 425) 720 1015  
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**Adv. Tix on Sale HANCOCK (PG-13) ★**  
**Adv. Tix on Sale THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) ★**  
WANTED (R) - ID REQ'D (915 1045 1115 1215 130 215 330 415 530) 645 730 815 930 1015 1045

WALL-E (G) ★ (850 920 950 1030 1120 1150 1230 110 230 310 350 440 510 550) 630 720 750 830 910 950 1020 1240 PM

OC: GET SMART (PG-13) ★ (1020 140 430) 740 1030  
GET SMART - DP (PG-13) ★ (940 1130 240 340 540) 640 840 920  
GET SMART (PG-13) ★ (925 1140 210 450) 710 935 1035  
LOVE GURU (PG-13) (1000 1220 245 500) 745 1025  
THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D (1100 145 425) 725 1010  
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) (1015 1250 335) 620 900  
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG-13) (100 400) 700 1000  
KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (930 1100 1200 150 250 420 520) 700 800 940  
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 300) 610 925  
INDIANA JONES: THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL (PG-13) (100 400) 655 1000  
CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG) (900 1210 320) 625 945

IRON MAN (PG-13) (1025 120 410) 705 1005

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**Adv. Tix on Sale THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) ★**  
RW & DA: WALL-E (G) ★ (Stadium) (1000 1230 300 530) 800 1030  
WANTED (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (915 1045 1115 1215 130 215 315 415 515) 625 715 815 915 1015 1045  
WALL-E (G) ★ (Stadium) (900 1045 1130 115 200 345 430) 615 700 745 830  
GET SMART (PG-13) ★ (Stadium) (945 1100 1245 145 330 445) 645 730 925 1010

LOVE GURU (PG-13) (Stadium) (1040 140 440) 640 745 900 1000  
THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1020 110 410) 650 920  
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) (Stadium) (1050 150 450) 740 1020  
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG-13) (Stadium) (940 1240) 320 600 850

KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (Stadium) (930 1200 230 500) 720 945  
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (Stadium) (1120 245) 630 950  
INDIANA JONES: THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL (PG-13) (Stadium) (1015 100 400) 725 1025  
IRON MAN (PG-13) (Stadium) (1145 240)

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WALL-E (G) ★ (1115 1230 115 150 300 345 425 530) 615 700 800 845 930 1030

LOVE GURU (PG-13) (1100 1205 220 440) 725 950  
THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 205 430) 735 1005  
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) (100 400) 715 1025  
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG-13) (110 410) 710 1010  
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 340) 705 1015  
IRON MAN (PG-13) (120 420) 720 1020

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**Adv. Tix on Sale THE DARK KNIGHT (PG-13) ★**  
WANTED (R) - ID REQ'D (1130 1215 200 245 445 530) 715 800 945 1030

WALL-E (G) ★ (1030 1115 1145 100 145 230 345 415 500) 615 700 745 845 930 1015  
GET SMART - DP (PG-13) ★ (1100 130 430) 730 1000  
GET SMART (PG-13) ★ (1000 1245 330) 630 915  
LOVE GURU (PG-13) (1015 120 420) 720 940  
THE HAPPENING (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 310 545) 815 1045  
THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13) (1040 215 515) 750 1040  
YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG-13) (1210 300) 650 1020  
KUNG FU PANDA (PG) (1045 115 400) 645 900  
SEX AND THE CITY (R) - ID REQ'D (1140) 620  
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11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**WALL-E (G)**  
(!) 11:15, 11:45, 1:45, 2:10, 4:20,  
4:40, 6:50, 7:10, 9:20, 9:45  
**GET SMART (PG-13)**  
(!) 11:45, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:45  
**WANTED (R)**  
(!) 11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)**  
11:15, 1:20, 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 10:15  
**THE HAPPENING (R)**  
11:20, 1:20, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 10:15

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**GET SMART (PG-13)**  
4:05, 7:05, 9:20  
**THE LOVE GURU (PG-13)**  
4:20, 7:20, 9:15  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)**  
4:15, 7:25, 9:25

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**WALL-E (G)**  
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15  
**WANTED (R)**  
12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13)**  
12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:15, 10:40  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)**  
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:05, 10:05  
**THE HAPPENING (R)**  
12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 6:20, 8:20, 10:20  
**GET SMART (PG-13)**  
1:00, 3:20, 5:45, 8:00, 10:30

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12:45, 3:05, 5:15, 7:35, 9:45  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)**  
1:00, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30  
**GET SMART (PG-13)**  
12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

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2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 9:55  
**MONGOL (R)**  
1:15, 2:00, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40  
**THE VISITOR (PG-13)**  
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
**WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER (PG-13)**  
2:25, 4:40, 6:55, 9:15  
**WAR, INC. (R)**  
2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 10:00  
**REPRISE (R)**  
1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:35  
**THE FALL (R)**  
1:45, 4:25, 7:05, 9:50

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5:00, 7:30, 9:45

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**MONGOL (R)**  
9:45, 12:15, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05  
**GET SMART (PG-13)**  
10:00, 12:05, 2:25, 4:50, 8:00, 10:10  
**SEX AND THE CITY (R)**  
10:10, 4:00, 9:20  
**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG-13)**  
1:15, 7:00  
**THE VISITOR (PG-13)**  
10:05, 12:25, 2:45, 4:55, 7:20, 9:25  
**WALL-E (G)**  
9:55, 12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:35  
**WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE YOUR FATHER (PG-13)**  
10:15, 12:20, 2:30, 4:35, 7:50, 9:45

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5:00, 7:30, 9:55  
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5:30, 7:50, 10:00

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12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00  
**THE FALL (R)**  
1:35, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55  
**MONGOL (R)**  
1:00, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30  
**KICKING IT (NR)**  
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00  
**WAR, INC. (R)**  
1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05  
**THE EDGE OF HEAVEN (NR)**  
1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45  
**BEAUTY IN TROUBLE (NR)**  
1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50  
**FINDING AMANDA (R)**  
12:50, 3:10, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10

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11:40, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55  
**\*WALL-E (G)**  
11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20  
**\*THODA PYAR (NR)**  
12:05, 4:05, 8:00  
**\*GET SMART (PG-13)**  
11:55, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35  
**\*THE LOVE GURU (PG-13)**  
11:35, 2:20, 5:05, 7:20, 9:50  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG-13)**  
11:30, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00  
**THE HAPPENING (R)**  
12:00, 2:35, 4:45, 7:35, 9:45  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)**  
11:50, 2:40, 4:40, 7:10  
**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG-13)**  
9:35



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**WALL-E (G)** (10:00, 10:40 @ \$6), 12:00, 12:40, 1:20, 2:35, 3:15, 3:55, 5:15, 5:55, 6:30, 7:40, 8:30, 9:05, 10:30, 11:10, 11:40  
**WANTED (R)** (10:50, 11:30 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 4:30, 5:10, 5:50, 7:20, 8:00, 8:40, 10:10, 10:50, 11:30, 12:35  
**GET SMART (PG13)** (11:15 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:05, 2:45, 4:50, 5:30, 7:35, 8:35, 10:20, 11:15  
**GET SMART (PG13)** (11:15 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20  
**THE LOVE GURU (PG13)** (10:05, 11:35 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:50, 2:30, 4:05, 4:45, 7:05, 7:45, 9:25  
**THE HAPPENING (R)** (10:35, 11:10 @ \$6), 12:55, 1:35, 3:20, 3:50, 5:45, 6:15, 8:05, 10:25  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13)** (11:25 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:00, 2:40, 4:40, 5:25, 7:30, 8:10, 10:05, 11:00  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)** (10:10 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45, 12:05  
**YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13)** (11:00 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55  
**SEX AND THE CITY (R)** 1:10, 4:25, 7:45, 10:55  
**THE STRANGERS (R)** 8:20, 10:35  
**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13)** (10:25 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:30  
**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: PRINCE CASPIAN (PG)** (10:30 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:55  
**IRON MAN (PG13)** (11:05 @ \$6), 2:10, 5:00, 7:55, 10:45

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**WALL-E (G)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50  
**WALL-E (G)** (11:10 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35  
**WANTED (R)** (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20  
**GET SMART (PG13)** (10:50 @ \$6), 1:35, 2:40, 4:20, 5:25, 7:10, 8:10, 9:55, 10:55  
**THE LOVE GURU (PG13)** (11:30 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:55, 4:10, 6:25, 8:40, 11:00  
**THE HAPPENING (R)** (11:40 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:50, 11:10  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13)** (11:35 @ \$6), 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:10  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)** (10:20 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)** (10:20 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25  
**YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13)** (10:05 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:20, 5:55, 8:30, 11:05  
**SEX AND THE CITY (R)** (10:10 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:45  
**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13)** (10:45 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:35, 7:20  
**IRON MAN (PG13)** (10:25 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:05, 6:50, 9:40

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**WALL-E (G)** 12:00, 1:10, 2:20, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 8:00, 9:25, 10:30, 12:00  
**WANTED (R)** 12:00, 1:20, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:45, 12:35  
**GET SMART (PG13)** 2:30, 4:20, 5:30, 7:10, 8:20, 9:55, 11:10, 12:20  
**THE LOVE GURU (PG13)** 12:05 @ \$6, 12:05, 12:45, 2:05, 3:05, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20, 12:30  
**THE HAPPENING (R)** 12:25, 2:50, 5:25, 8:10, 10:50  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13)** (10:50 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:40  
**YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13)** 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50, 12:25  
**SEX AND THE CITY (R)** 12:30, 4:10, 7:30, 11:00  
**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13)** 1:50, 4:50, 8:05, 11:05  
**IRON MAN (PG13)** 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:10

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**WALL-E (G)** (10:30, 11:15 @ \$6), 1:00, 1:45, 3:30, 4:15, 6:10, 6:50, 8:45, 9:35, 11:15  
**WANTED (R)** (10:00, 10:40 @ \$6), 12:50, 1:30, 3:40, 4:20, 6:25, 7:10, 9:25, 10:00, 12:00  
**GET SMART (PG13)** (10:10, 11:25 @ \$6), 1:15, 2:15, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:50, 12:15  
**GET SMART (PG13)** (10:10 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40, 12:15  
**THE LOVE GURU (PG13)** (10:05, 10:45 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:10, 2:40, 3:25, 5:00, 5:45, 7:30, 8:15, 9:50, 10:45, 12:05  
**THE HAPPENING (R)** (10:20 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13)** (10:25 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:05, 6:45, 7:40, 9:30, 10:35, 12:10  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)** (10:15, 11:30 @ \$6), 12:40, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:20, 7:15, 9:45  
**YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13)** (11:10 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20  
**SEX AND THE CITY (R)** 12:45, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30  
**INDIANA JONES AND THE KINGDOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL (PG13)** (10:35 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:25, 10:25  
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**THE LOVE GURU (PG13)** 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30  
**THE HAPPENING (R)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13)** 12:10, 1:20, 2:50, 3:50, 5:30, 6:40, 8:10, 9:20, 10:45  
**SEX AND THE CITY (R)** 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10  
**IRON MAN (PG13)** 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 10:20

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**GET SMART (PG13)** (11:30 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30  
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**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13)** (10:35 @ \$6), 12:10, 1:05, 3:05, 4:10, 6:05, 7:05, 9:05, 10:05  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)** (11:45 @ \$6), 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45  
**YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAH (PG13)** (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50  
**SEX AND THE CITY (R)** 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:55

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**THEN SHE FOUND ME (R)** 1:30, 4:10, 7:50, 10:00  
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**THE VISITOR (PG13)** 1:40, 3:50, 7:40, 9:55

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**GET SMART (PG13)** (10:30 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15  
**THE LOVE GURU (PG13)** (10:20 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:00, 5:40, 8:00, 10:30  
**THE INCREDIBLE HULK (PG13)** (11:00 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20  
**KUNG FU PANDA (PG)** (10:50



# Weekend Entertainment

## Now Playing

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newcomers to the story might be puzzled at the movie's worship of Louis Vuitton purses and the silly women who carry them. But one of the movie's great pleasures is how the filmmakers embrace their characters' advancing ages while celebrating over-40 fabulosity. Like the show, the movie invites inevitable questions: Does it simply perpetuate retro-grade, materialistic myths about having it all, or is it an example of feminism in four-inch heels? Altogether now: We can't help but wonder. (AH)

**THE STRANGERS** (R, 90 minutes) Three strangers in campy Halloween masks stalk and torment an unfortunate couple, played by Liv Tyler and Scott Speedman, in a well-appointed summer home. When, in the middle of the night, someone knocks on the door, domestic problems are forgotten and survival becomes an issue, though both are completely incompetent. Writer-director Bryan Bertino leaves no stone unturned in



**GREEN WITH ASS-KICKING:** The Hulk faces off against super-solider Emil Blonsky (Tim Roth) in "The Incredible Hulk."

his quest for cliché and his unbelievable depictions of behavior. For the latter, try this: A fellow passing by the house has his windshield blown out by a shotgun. Does he step on the gas? No, he gets out of the car and walks into the house showing clear signs of violent disturbance. A

tragedy soon follows, but not as big as the one that compelled me to sit through the whole thing. (SH)

**THE VISITOR** (PG-13, 103 minutes) Richard Jenkins plays widowed economics professor Walter Vale, who reluctantly agrees to give a paper at NYU and, upon

arriving at his Manhattan pied-a-terre, discovers that it has been illegally sublet to Tarek (Haaz Sleiman) and Zainab (Danai Gurira), both of whom are undocumented. After first throwing the couple out, Vale impulsively takes pity on them. What ensues is a remarkable friendship

and, when Tarek's mother arrives, a budding romance. The film gives viewers a perceptive, deeply personal take on the timeless immigrant narrative. (AH)

**YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE ZOHAN** (PG-13, 106 minutes) Adam Sandler plays the Zohan, a fabled Israeli special-operations hero who decides he has had enough of fighting and decides to immigrate to America and become a hairdresser at the famous Paul Mitchell salon. He, of course, can find work only in a shop owned by a Palestinian woman (Emmanuelle Chriqui, the best thing by far in the picture). The movie is gross but not unfunny as it covers the Zohan's rise through hair culture, aided by his steamy heterosexuality, until the old ladies are lined up all the way to the Bronx for a few minutes of bliss in the Zohan's chair. But in the end, the movie feels as if it exists only to display the Sandler's biceps. (SH)

REVIEWS BY THE WASHINGTON POST'S ANN HORNADAY, STEPHEN HUNTER, MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN, DESSON THOMSON AND TERESA WILTZ. FOR MORE CAPSULES AND FULL REVIEWS OF THESE AND OTHER FILMS, SEE [WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT](http://WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT)

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**REALITY-STAR-SOCIALITE ACTING:** Nicole Richie has landed a guest spot as a former high school mean girl on NBC's "Chuck." "This role is a great opportunity for Nicole to show off her comedic skills and be diabolically evil," exec producer Josh Schwartz said.

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

### POWER OF PRIDE

The 19th Annual **GLAAD MEDIA AWARDS** (7 p.m., Bravo, Fri.) salutes fair representation of gay life in media and entertainment.

### DO THE HUSTLE!

This week's reality onslaught continues with **DANCE MACHINE** (8 p.m., ABC, Fri.), another talent hunt offering "ordinary" people the chance to show off their talent for dancing in a variety of styles from the past four decades.

### WHAT A GLOOORIOUS FEELING!

Turner Classic Movies salutes the life of Cyd Charisse, the dancer who recently died at the age of 86. The three-movie tribute includes the 1952 musical **SINGIN' IN THE RAIN** (8 p.m., TCM, Fri.); **THE BAND WAGON** (10 p.m.) from 1953; and **SILK STOCKINGS** (midnight).

### LIGHTER SIDE OF MCCAIN

Presidential candidate Sen. John McCain makes a brief cameo in the 2005 summer comedy **WEDDING CRASHERS** (9 p.m., TBS, Fri.), starring Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson.

### CLOONEY TAKES THE LEAD

The Coen brothers (Joel and Ethan) combine a quirky adaptation of Homer's "Odyssey" with an homage to bluegrass, country and gospel music, and a nod to

the films of Preston Sturges in the 2000 comedy **O BROTHER, WHERE ART THOU** (9:50 p.m., Encore, Fri.).

**FREEMAN AND THE UNKNOWNNS** Morgan Freeman, Kaley Cuoco and Wild Sweet Orange appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

**STIFLER AND THE LADIES MAN** Seann William Scott, Tim Meadows and



**HAS-BEEN HOSTS:** Joey Fatone and Scary Spice on "The Singing Office."

the Raconteurs chat on a rerun of **LATE NIGHT WITH CONAN O'BRIEN** (12:35 a.m., NBC, Fri.).

**FRIGHTENINGLY BAD** Eddie Murphy stars in the 2003 comedy **THE HAUNTED MANSION** (8 p.m., ABC, Sat.).

**WORD FROM ABOVE** News from King Richard on **ROBIN HOOD** (9 p.m., BBC America, Sat.).

**GET 'EM, J. DUBS!** John Walsh hosts **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED** (9 p.m., Fox, Sat.).

**NOT SO SWEET** Scheduled on **48 HOURS MYSTERY** (10 p.m., CBS, Sat.): a murder in Sugarland, Texas.

### BAD NEWS

A columnist's last scoop on **LAW & ORDER: CRIMINAL INTENT** (10 p.m., NBC, Sat.).

**VISIONS OF MONEY AND POWER** A lawyer has visions in the pilot episode of **ELI STONE** (10 p.m., ABC, Sat.).

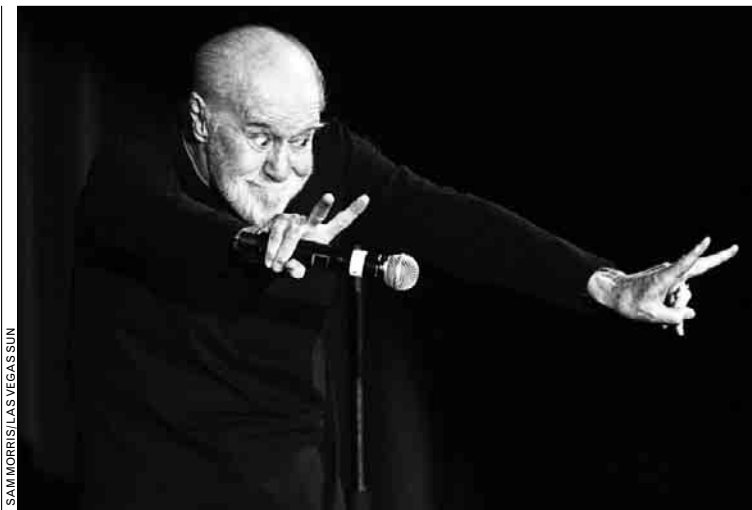
**A LEGENDARY TRIBUTE** **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.) honors the late comedian George Carlin with a broadcast of the very first episode of "SNL" on Oct. 11, 1975, hosted by Carlin.

### DINO-FLICK

Jeff Goldblum and Julianne Moore star in the 1997 sequel **THE LOST WORLD: JURASSIC PARK 2** (7 p.m., Fox, Sun.).

### MAN OF MANY SHOWS

Regis Philbin hosts **MILLION DOLLAR**



**FOND FAREWELL:** "SNL" remembers late comedian George Carlin this Saturday.

**PASSWORD** (8 p.m., CBS, Sun.).

### PIE-THEMED FLICK

Keri Russell stars in the 2007 drama **WAITRESS** (8 p.m., Cinemax, Sun.), released after the murder of its writer and director Adrienne Shelly, who also appears in the film.

### ISN'T IT ALWAYS?

A tall order on **ICE ROAD TRUCKERS** (9 p.m., History, Sun.).

### SCARY INDEED

**THE SINGING OFFICE** (9 p.m., TLC, Sun.) has "Dancing With the Stars" vets Joey Fatone and Mel "Scary Spice" B. invade various workplaces to find the best sing-

ers and send them off to musical boot camp and a chance to win \$50,000.

### MY WORD, HOW TRAGIC!

Death at Oxford on **INSPECTOR LEWIS: OLD SCHOOL TIES** on "Masterpiece Mystery" (9 p.m., PBS, Sun.).

### BAD ARMY WIFE!

Denise engages in risky behavior on **ARMY WIVES** (10 p.m., Lifetime, Sun.).

### WHOLE LOTTA VOICE

Jill Scott performs on the one-hour special **JILL SCOTT: THE REAL THING TOUR (LIVE IN PHILLY)** (10 p.m., TV One, Sun.).

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### Some worry that pop culture makes having a baby look too cool

News that 17 girls at a Massachusetts high school became pregnant this year is raising questions about whether pregnancy has become something alluring to teens.

Many teen pregnancies still take place against a backdrop of economic distress or a search for love, experts say.

But counselors are also now concerned about a combination of factors that may make it easier for teens to become sexually active without fully understanding the potential consequences: Glamour shots of pregnant celebs are featured in magazines and on TV alongside increasingly sexualized fashions and images of younger girls.

While there have always been celebrity parents, today's teen girls absorb coverage of their favorite actresses and singers voraciously in magazines like *Us Weekly*. Front and center in those magazines: babies and their fashionable mamas.

Barely a week goes by without

some kind of celebrity baby coverage — speculation about “baby bumps,” and of course, loving pictures of the babies themselves, often with their perfectly styled moms.

Carol Weston, who writes an advice column for *Girls' Life* magazine, says the glamorous images of pregnant celebrities can inspire young girls to become mothers.

Kimberly Hughes, a 16-year-old from Glen Rock, N.J., who reads *Us Weekly*, *People* and *CosmoGIRL!*, agrees. Baby pictures in particular send a certain message, she says. “It’s, like, ‘Look at what you can do if you have a baby. Look at these cool

perks you get out of it.”

Magazine editors say celebrity pregnancy has always been news.

“People has been covering and celebrating celebrity babies for over 34 years,” the magazine said in a statement. “Our readers have come to expect these kinds of intimate family moments in the pages of the magazine, and we plan to continue to deliver this inside access.”

The glamorous depictions of

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OH, BABY: The teenage cast of NBC's reality show “The Baby Borrowers” poses with babies who have been put in their care.

# Parent Trap

“It seems like another choice in life. Like, ‘What color clothes am I going to wear? ... Should I have a baby?’”

BILL ALBERT, CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT TEEN AND UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

pregnancy suggest the U.S. is not taking pregnancy seriously enough, says Bill Albert, spokesman for the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy.

“To me, it just seems like another choice in life,” he says. “Like, ‘What color clothes am I going to wear on Friday? What movie am I going to go to? Should I have a baby?’”

If the problem is pop culture, per-

haps part of the answer is, too. A new NBC reality series, “The Baby Borrowers,” features five couples, ages 18 to 20, tasked with taking care of babies, toddlers, pre-teens, teens and senior citizens. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy worked with NBC on the show.

Most teens are certainly not longing to have babies, says Nadine Kaslow, a professor who teaches at Emory University School of Medicine.

“Parents and schools really need to be open in talking about all sorts of topics, including premarital sex, having babies and contraception,” says Kaslow. MEGAN K. SCOTT (AP)

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### MUSIC

#### Mission Possible

On Saturday at the Black Cat, Mission of Burma plans on waking the ghosts of the post-punk anthems the band set loose almost 30 years ago. The reunited group is out promoting the reissue of three seminal albums, and Christopher Correa spoke with bassist Clint Coley. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



### FILM

#### No Control, Little Joy

Neither as well known nor arguably as influential a musical figure as Ray Charles or Johnny Cash, Ian Curtis is still fascinating. Stephen M. Deusner reviews two recent movies covering the Joy Division singer-songwriter that were recently issued on DVD. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

### LIVE REVIEW

#### Surf's Up

The Butthole Surfers aren't for the faint of heart. Even the freak-punk band's name brings shivers to all but the most fanatical outsiders — and it's that crowd that Paul Vivari reviewed when he went to see the Buttholes surf the 9:30 Club on Thursday. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



## comment board

“There are leaders who are doing a lot worse than Mugabe, but they do as the West wants when it comes to allowing resources to be exploited, so they are backed instead of demonized.”

**COMMENTER ME**, WHO ADDED, “[MUGABE'S] USEFULNESS OVERALL HAS RUN OUT.”

“Mugabe has already demonstrated that he doesn't give a damn about the West and the West's opinion.”

**COMMENTER CHOCO**, WHO ADDED, “WHY ARE PEOPLE DELUDING THEMSELVES INTO THINKING THE [UNITED NATIONS] CAN CHANGE THAT?”



“I'd like to see the U.N. intervene; that's one of the things it was created to do. However, I do not think any action should be taken until we have a good, solid plan for improving the situation.”

**COMMENTER PMMJ**, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “SHOULD THE UNITED NATIONS INTERVENE IN THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE?”

## poll center

SHOULD THE UNITED NATIONS INTERVENE IN THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE?

**61%** YES **39%** NO

SEE HOW YOUR METRO STATION VOTED AT [READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP](http://readexpress.com/pollcenter.php)

# Blog LOG

“Nearly 24 years to the day, my first kiss found me on Facebook. [It] happened in a moon bounce on the roof of a fast-food restaurant.”

**ARJEWTINO.COM** RECALLS FONDLY HIS FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH A GIRL, ADDING, “I TRIED TO ELUDE HER UNTIL SHE FINALLY TACKLED ME, PINNING MY PUNY 9-YEAR-OLD BODY DOWN.”



“How much gun crime did the gun ban deter, considering that Maryland and Virginia gun stores are only a Metro [ride] away?”

**BLOG.GEORGETOWNVOICE.COM** DIDN'T THINK THE 32-YEAR-OLD D.C. GUN BAN WAS EFFECTIVE ANYWAY, ADDING, “ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, I GUESS THIS MEANS WE CAN ALL GO TO MORE FIRING RANGES.”



“I THINK THERE ARE many pro-gun folks who are dancing in the streets thinking that now we can take back the streets from the thugs and criminals. And to a certain extent, I wish that would be the case.”

**OFFSEVENTH.ORG** DOESN'T SEE THE SUPREME COURT'S GUN BAN RULING CHANGING MUCH, ADDING, “THURSDAY MEANS NOTHING IN THE GRAND SCHEME.”

“WHILE YOU'RE ENJOYING the city, why not grab dinner downtown, and head for home after 7:30 p.m.? [And] do you really need to head downtown at 8 a.m., to be first in line at the Smithsonian? I cannot determine my own schedule — you can.”

**MR-T-IN-DC.LIVEJOURNAL.COM**, PLEADS WITH TOURISTS TO AVOID USING METRO DURING RUSH HOUR.

“IT NEVER CEASES to amaze me who will come slithering out of the woodwork as soon as the news spreads that [you're] engaged.”

**WHATLIZSAID.COM** DOESN'T NECESSARILY TRUST ALL HER WEDDING WELL-WISHERS.

## Discussions

### Marc Fisher

Washington Post Metro Columnist, **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday to discuss the latest news in the District — including the decision on D.C.'s handgun ban.



I live in the District and want to buy a handgun (legally). How do I do it? You don't — yet.

It will likely be some months before the District government passes a new regulatory scheme — licensing at the least and per-

haps more — and probably longer before rules for gun shops are promulgated and shops actually open. Expect some incredibly wild zoning battles ahead. Can you imagine how folks in, say, Cleveland Park or Tenleytown will react when someone comes along wanting to open a gun shop on Connecticut or Wisconsin avenues?

Is there any connection between today's Supreme Court decision and the ban on shirtless guys at the Nationals ballpark? I mean, at least without a shirt it would be tougher to conceal a handgun. That could be a factor in the D.C. Council's deliberations — perhaps they'll grudgingly legalize hand-

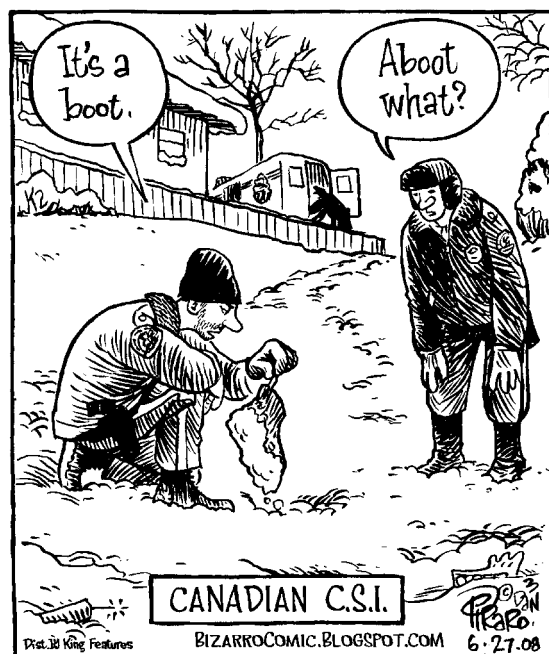
guns and then require that anyone who carries one may not wear anything else. Would do wonders for tourism.

The answer to how the District needs to respond to the gun ruling is, obviously, more road blockades! There may be a serious side to your question. It is possible that the D.C. government — very much egged on by the feds — will seek to establish gun-free zones in the city such as, for example, the Federal Triangle, or an extended Capitol campus.

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** Washington Post staff writers Ivan Carter and Michael Lee discuss all the fallout from the NBA draft at 2 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

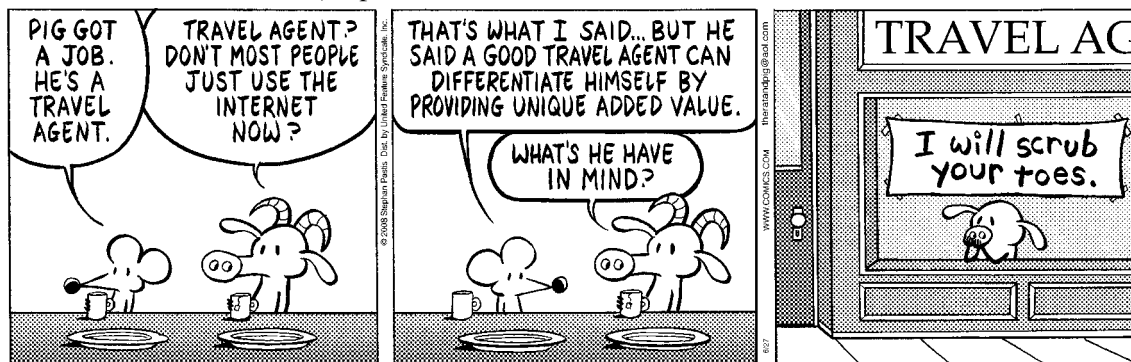
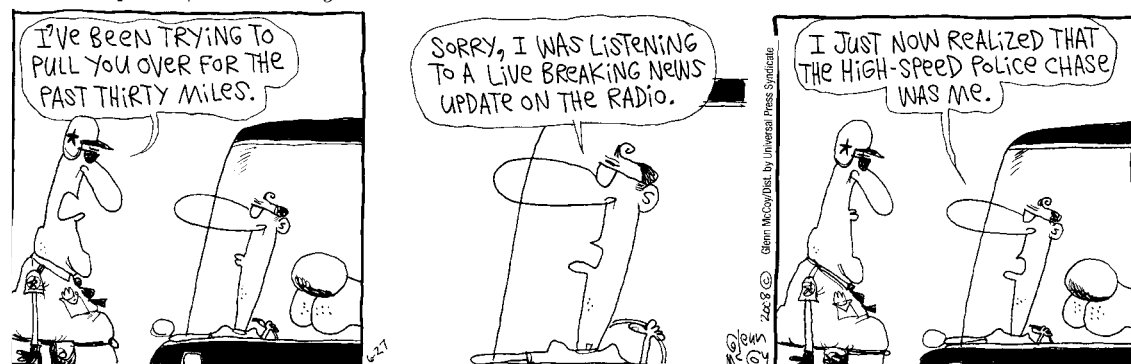
# DO

GET READY FOR LARGE CROWDS ON METRO SUNDAY. The Washington Nationals will host the Baltimore Orioles Sunday at 1:35 p.m. in the last game of a three-game series at Nationals Park. In addition, D.C. United will be playing the David Beckham-led L.A. Galaxy at noon at RFK Stadium.

**Bizarro** | Dan Piraro

**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin


Identity theft lineup.

**Pooch Cafe** | Paul Gilligan

**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis

**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy


## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You'll be intrigued by someone who seems to have all the answers — but you'll soon learn that it's mostly show and little substance.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You'll be thankful for the opportunity to get a head start, as later you'll want the time to concentrate on an important private issue.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You'll want to do things by the book, in order to keep the suspicious from feeding on anything that might smack of the unusual or illicit.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You're going to have to prepare yourself for something of a wait before your greatest current desire can be fully satisfied. Be patient.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** That which is beyond your control needn't concern you — yet. Focus on those things that directly involve you, and that you can change.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may

have to work hard to convince someone close to you that your plans are fully formed and ready to roll. Be ready to prove yourself.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You're in the mood to give someone special an unusual gift. Be sure that your intentions are not misunderstood in any way.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You're in the middle of a long-term healing process — though you may not have been aware of any kind of emotional wound.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Your reputation may have preceded you, and as a result certain doors will be opened to you already — and certain doors closed, too.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** It's a good day to take your cause to one who can really do something to help you. Very real help can do very real good.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Someone may be trying to sweep you off your feet, but the fact is that you are a little too suspicious to be truly affected in any way.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You can enjoy a little added excitement — and you won't have to pay an arm and a leg for it. You'll be in the right place at the right time.

## Letters

**Men Should Offer Up Seats**

**WHEN DID MEN** become so ill-mannered that they are rude toward women? After 10 years of commuting by car, I am riding the Metro again because of the rising cost of gas. I understand people are tired

in the morning from their previous hustle and bustle, but it doesn't excuse the many men who are seated while women, who are standing above them, wonder whether they would have the opportunity to at least decline an offer to be seated. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but is chivalry dead?

—ANGEL ANDERSON  
Washington, D.C.

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## Today in History

**1844** Mormon leader Joseph Smith and his brother, Hyrum, are killed by a mob in Carthage, Ill.

**1957** More than 500 people are killed when Hurricane Audrey slams through coastal Louisiana and Texas.

**1969** Police raid the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village; patrons fight back in clashes considered the birth of the gay rights movement.

**1988** Tyson retains the undisputed heavyweight



Mike Tyson KO'd Michael Spinks in 1988.

crown as he knocks out Michael Spinks 91 seconds into the first round of a championship fight in Atlantic City, N.J.

**2007** Former Treasury chief Gordon Brown becomes British prime minister, succeeding Tony Blair.

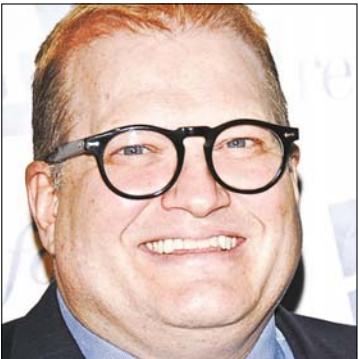
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Spending that much on pizza is a sin!

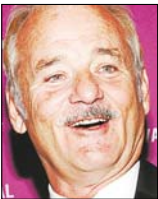
DEATH WISHES

Star Orders Large Volume Of Cholesterol-Packed Food

DREW CAREY is having UPS deliver 45 pizzas from a Parma, Ohio, pizzeria to Los Angeles to celebrate Saturday's season finale of "The Price is Right." The pizzeria's owners say the order will cost \$450 — which doesn't include delivery. (AP)

SPLITS

Divorce Lauded by Critics For Wry Understatement



Bill Murray and his wife of nearly 11 years are divorced. A judge in Charleston County, S.C., signed off on the divorce agreement June 13, barely a month after Jennifer Butler Murray asked for the separation. (AP)



ROSIE GREENWAY/GETTY IMAGES

DECLINE

Hopeless Yet?

AMY WINEHOUSE — famous for her rebellious anthem "Rehab" — was photographed with a cigarette dangling from her lips as she left the London hospital where she had been diagnosed with early warning signs of emphysema. Earlier this week, her father had said she was covered in nicotine patches and "flourishing" in response to treatments. (AP)



To spend that much on loafers would be a sin!

attribution was false," the Vatican newspaper said. "Such rumors are inconsistent with the simple and somber man who, on the day of his election to the papacy, showed to the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square and to the whole world the sleeves of a modest black sweater," it said. (AP)

FASHION

Versace Sees Great Product Placement Opportunity

The devil may wear Prada, but the pope does not. According to the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano, the bright red loafers that POPE BENEDICT XVI wears are not designed by the Milanese fashion house, as has long been rumored. "Obviously, the

HEADLINES

Well of 'How Perfect Are They?' Jokes Totally Dry

BRAD PITT and ANGELINA JOLIE have donated \$1 million to help kids affected by the war in Iraq, the Education Partnership for Children of Conflict announced Wednesday. The organization will distribute the donation, made through the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, to four organizations working on behalf of children who have lost parents, homes and schools in Iraq. Children in the U.S. who have lost parents in the conflict will also benefit. "These educational support programs for children of conflict are the best way to help them heal," said Jolie. "We hope to encourage others to give to these great organizations," Pitt added. (AP)

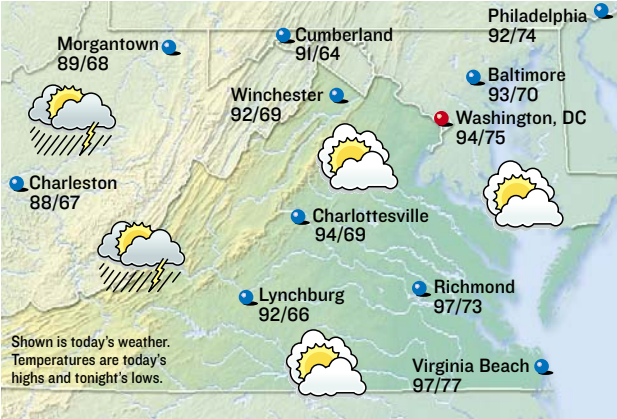


If she doesn't put her hand there, no one will notice that she's pregnant.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunnt, hot, humid	Mostly clear	A thunderstorm in the afternoon	A couple of showers, a t-storm	Partly sunny, a t-storm possible	Partial sunshine
94°	75°	92° / 73°	86° / 72°	81° / 66°	82° / 65°

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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	93°
Low	72°
Normal high	86°
Normal low	68°
Average humidity	51%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	4.05"
Normal month to date	2.69"
Year to date	27.97"
Last year to date	15.13"
Normal year to date	18.83"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtonpost.com/weather](http://washingtonpost.com/weather)

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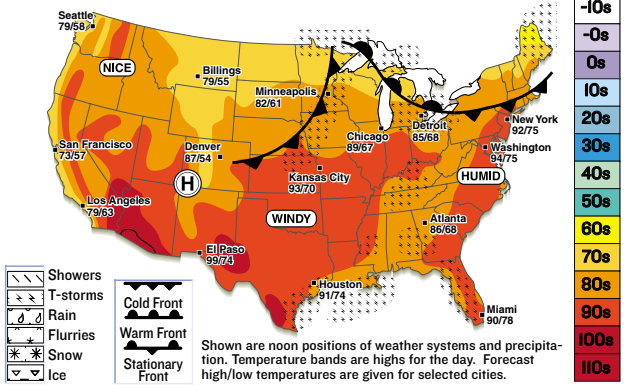
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny. High 94. Wind west 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, warm. Low 75. Wind southwest 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 5:45 a.m.  
Sunset tonight 8:38 p.m.  
Moonrise today 1:02 a.m.  
Moonset today 2:43 p.m.



National Weather for Friday, June 27



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	Hi/Low 86/68/t	87/70/t
Boston	84/67/pc	79/66/t
Chicago	89/67/t	80/60/t
Dallas	96/76/pc	95/74/pc
Denver	87/54/t	81/53/pc
Honolulu	88/76/s	88/76/s
Los Angeles	79/63/pc	83/62/pc
Los Angeles	90/78/t	90/77/pc
Miami	92/75/t	91/75/t
New York City	92/73/t	90/74/t
Orlando	92/73/t	90/74/t
Seattle	79/58/s	90/58/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	Hi/Low 68/55/pc	70/61/pc
Athens	91/75/s	92/77/s
Berlin	72/55/sh	73/57/pc
Buenos Aires	63/41/pc	63/45/pc
Calgary	71/46/pc	80/51/s
Dublin	64/50/r	63/50/pc
Geneva	80/57/pc	80/56/pc
Moscow	72/50/pc	72/52/c
Rome	88/66/sh	89/69/s
Sydney	63/49/s	63/49/s
Tokyo	76/65/c	77/64/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

### ACROSS

36 Like many doors  
39 Old biddy  
40 "What are you, some kind of \_\_\_\_?"  
42 Vitamin bottle abbreviation  
43 NHL or old NFL team  
45 Seven and eleven, in Vegas  
47 Bacon unit for a butcher  
48 Shelved  
49 BLT ingredient  
52 Smelt  
54 Word with "foreign" or "first"  
55 Supply and demand subj.  
56 Subsidies  
57 Martini & \_\_\_\_ vermouth  
59 Come to a screeching halt?  
60 Afternoon hour in Bonn  
61 "Must-\_\_\_\_" (NBC slogan)  
62 Something to pitch  
63 27-Across, e.g.

64 Flatten the flat  
65 General on Chinese menus

**DOWN**

1 Price twice  
2 "The Seven Year Itch" co-star Tom  
3 Metaphor for easiness  
4 Some winter Olympic athletes  
5 Female reproductive gland  
6 Russian river  
7 Bird with a white tail  
8 They take their best shot  
9 Insignificant amount  
10 Kin of -ette or -trix  
11 Phobia  
13 Make tidy  
15 Declines rapidly  
23 Treebeard in "The Lord of the Rings"  
25 Two make a Latin dance  
26 Spy Mata  
28 Musical wrap-ups

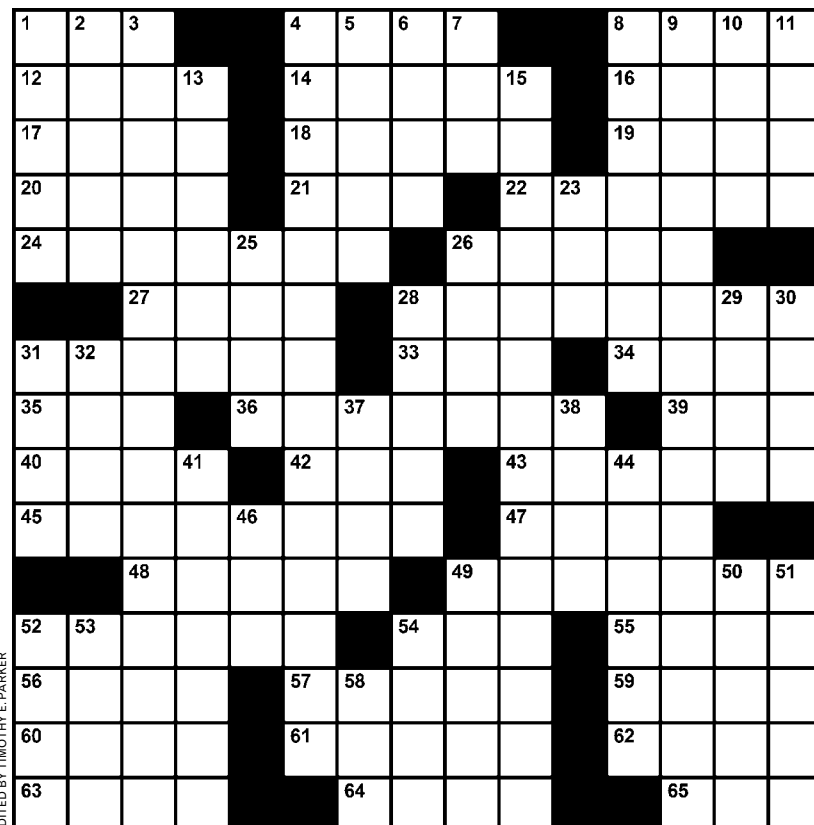
29 Ogling person  
30 Yellow Monopoly  
bills  
31 The Ugly  
Duckling, eventually  
32 Island near Mull  
37 Nonworking  
38 Coated with gold  
41 One of the Barbary  
States  
44 Up-to-the-minute

46 \_\_\_\_ Tin Tin (TV  
dog of old)  
49 Tilts to one side  
50 Nickel and dime  
51 Put an \_\_\_\_ (stop)  
52 Flick with Beatty  
and Keaton  
53 The Aragon flows  
into it  
54 Using clippers?  
58 Opposite of 'neath

## Yesterday's Solution

1	P	2	A	3	U	4	L	5	A	6		7	C	8	A	9	U	10	L	11	T	12	N	13	E	14	W
14	E	15	S	16	T	17	E	18	R	19		20	A	21	P	22	S	23	E	24		25	A	26		27	
17	W	18	H	19	I	20	T	21	E	22	S	23	H	24	O	25	E	26	S	27		28		29	O	30	S
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38	S	39	H	40	A	41	P	42	E	43	U	44		45	G	46	R	47	I	48	N	49	N	50	E	51	D
43	T	44	A	45	R	46		47	M	48	A	49	I	50	D	51		52	A	53	E	54	G	55	I	56	S
47	S	48	I	49	L	50	V	51	E	52	R	53	L	54	I	55	N	56	I	57	N	58		59	G	60	
56	R	57	E	58	B	59	A	60	T	61	E	62		63	T	64	W	65	O	66		67	D	68	E	69	E
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DITED BY TIMOTHY E PARKER



**Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.**

## Last Week's Solution

[illegible][illegible]

9								3
		1	5		6	7		
	2	4	9		7	8	1	
		9	3		2	5		
		8	1		5	4		
	5	6	7		1	3	4	
		3	2		4	6		
2								1

## Yesterday's Solution

4	7	2	1	9	8	3	5	6
1	3	5	6	4	7	8	2	9
8	9	6	2	5	3	7	4	1
6	4	8	7	2	9	1	3	5
2	5	7	4	3	1	6	9	8
9	1	3	5	8	6	4	7	2
5	6	9	8	7	4	2	1	3
3	8	4	9	1	2	5	6	7
7	2	1	3	6	5	9	8	4

**Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see [www.sudoku.com](http://www.sudoku.com)**

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# face<sup>QA</sup>time

■ **A Zen-like sunken dining room.** Saffron-hued living room walls. A DIY mosaic table. Designer Kim Myles shares her exotic-yet-approachable decor smarts with design-challenged homeowners on HGTV's "Myles of Style" (Thu. at 8:30 p.m.), which just wrapped its first season. We picked her brain about how to get high style on a low budget.

**You went from being a hairdresser to being a designer and HGTV host after winning "Design Star." What's the change been like?**

It's been challenging to learn to be wildly creative on an accelerated schedule. But I won "Design Star" because I had an ability to do a lot of things in a little time.

**How would you describe your decorating style?**

I'm definitely into a kind of modern, global elegance. I love handmade objects, pottery and woven things — all of the things that have that global bazaar feel.

**What's a design trend you're loving right now?**

I like putting gray with a beautiful canary yellow.

**Bold color combos are a trademark of yours, aren't they?**

I love color, and I'm very brave with it. One color combination that pleases me is caramel with dark chocolate and black — it makes me think of RingDings. And, lately, plum with a little hint of acid yellow seems gorgeous.

**If you want a luxe look on a budget, where can't you cut corners?**

You can't skimp on larger pieces of furniture like couches. If everything else looks fantastic, and you throw a cheap sofa in, it takes the whole room down in tone.

**Where can you save money then?**

Window dressings don't have to be expensive. Use white, floaty sheers to take the edge off a space.



AARON RAPOPORT

## Kim Myles

DESIGNER, STAR OF HGTV'S "MYLES OF STYLE"

**Where do you shop for bargains?**

I'm a big fan of salvage stores, places that take beauties from other eras and bring them back to life.

**What's the biggest decorating sin people commit?**

I walk into so many homes where people have lived for years, and they still have beige paint and furniture. This doesn't say anything about who

lives there. They should choose colors. They don't even have to go crazy with primaries — even soft, rich neutrals are good. If you paint, it's not like getting a tattoo.

**Any other major decor peeves?**

The matchy-matchy thing, where people buy matching sets of everything. Do they want to live in a Pottery Barn catalog?

"I'm into a kind of modern, global elegance. I love handmade objects."

**What keeps people from mixing their furniture up?**

They fear getting it wrong and don't want people to judge them. But the design Nazis aren't tromping through your space.

**You recently moved to L.A. What's your apartment like?**

I'm not even close to done! It's like the cobbler's son who has no shoes. The grand plan is to keep the walls white — it's a rental — and use fabric, colors and window treatments to get a lot of bang for the buck.

**Any prized possessions you're looking forward to unpacking?**

I have a collection of blue glass, and I'm going to use it in a gallery way.

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## The Frost-Over States

**BAKE A COOKIE SHAPED LIKE** the District of Columbia (top, \$1.75) using a cutter from Eastern Market's new Hill's Kitchen (713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997), and polls say you'll want to use blue icing. But choosing a sweet-shaper from one of the 49 U.S. states (all except Hawaii) sold here — like, say, Virginia (bottom) — might require mixing purple food coloring into your frosting. Or watching the swing state numbers and reading Huff Post obsessively before committing to making dessert.



## 5 Mohawk Optional

**LONDON SPAWNED** punk bands (the Clash, the Sex Pistols). Maybe that's why Burn 'n' Violet, a women's line based there, evokes nights at thrash-in' clubs and rough morning-afters. Rocker-cool pieces — a skid mark tank (\$60, shown), a safari print top (\$82) — are now gigging at Redeem (1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447).



## Even Faker Baking

**WHO CARES ABOUT** pasty, crawled-out-from-under-a-rock legs if you wear pants every day? Self-tanning is hardly worth the effort when your cadaverous lower limbs see sunlight once or twice a week. MAC's Skinsheen Leg Spray (\$22.50, Maccosmetics.com) is the least messy and the least smelly temporary color we've tried. You need to exfoliate first — it adheres unappealingly to rough skin — but otherwise, it's smooth and natural.



**Grab Bag**

## Top of the Pops

**CALIFORNIA SPARKLING WINE** might be more patriotic than champagne, but not even a Founding Father could fault you for serving POP America (\$14.95, Sherry-Lehmann.com) at your Fourth of July fête. The genuine AOC bubbly comes in an appropriately starred and striped bottle — and, unlike a firecracker, the fun noise means the fun is just about to start. Still feeling unfaithful to the flag? Fine, serve bourbon, too, but remember: We wouldn't have won the war without those Frenchies.



## 4 Surface Booked

**STOOLS CAN BE SO** useful, whether you want to banish little Jayden to time-out corner, put your feet up or set down a James Frey-size glass of gin. Roost's white ceramic number (\$289, Vastu, 1829 14th St. NW; 202-234-8344) looks swanky with a bright-colored sofa or against a chocolate brown wall. Another style in the same non-color (\$339) does a dead-on imitation of a very chic log.

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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

**The Fourth of July weekend is next week, and, like most people, I plan to spend it outdoors, at a picnic with my family and friends. Can you recommend some casual but chic sandals?** — DARCY

■ Manolo says, oh, how the Manolo loves the Fourth of July! It is one of his favorite holidays: the magnificent patriotic festival of fireworks and freedom and frankfurters.

Indeed, how can one not be enthusiastic about any holiday that tradi-



tionally begins with the mass consumption of cheap hot dogs, warm lemonade and Mom's potato salad, and culminates in John Philip Sousa and giant explosions? To be American is to know the manifest joys of cherry bombs and whistling petes, of eating slightly-off coleslaw and watching the home team lose to the Yankees in the ninth inning. Truly, we are blessed to live in the country where lawn chairs and giant coolers filled with Budweiser have not yet been outlawed, where we are free to get as mosquito-bitten, food-poisoned and sunburned as we like in the celebration of our traditional liberties. America! Long may she wave to us!

Here from Frye, which is appropriately the longest continually operated shoe company in America, is the Mary Harness Thong (\$142, Zappos.com), the snappy sandal perfect for the day of celebration.



Ask the Manolo a question at [manolo@shoeblogs.com](mailto:manolo@shoeblogs.com). Visit the Manolo at [shoeblogs.com](http://shoeblogs.com).

## ON THE COVER

Greek dishes at Zaytinya (701 9th St. NW; 202-638-0800) include falafel. Photo by Lawrence Luk.



At Zaytinya, a swordfish kebab gets dressed up with parsley sauce.



# The Quick and the Med

Greek food and wine put the opa in summer parties



↑ Greek cuisine features many dips, including taramosalata (a cured cod roe spread).

For immortal beings, the Greek gods sure loved earthly, gourmet pleasures. Dionysus, lord of the grapes, constantly swilled wine. Persephone, goddess of the harvest, munched a pomegranate that got her banished to the underworld.

The Greeks' nearly mythological passion for food and drink also means serving Hellenic specialties makes for one heck of a summer party. "Really, in Greece, entertaining is spontaneous — you say, 'Come over tonight,' and put out appetizers or some lamb," says Reston social worker Maria Roberts, 46, a Greek American who dishes up souvlaki, pastitio (meat/macaroni casserole) and other fare at her bashes.

Greece, like many Mediterranean countries, also tends to be big on small plates. A mezze (array of appetizers) at an Athens taverna might include spinach pies (spankopitas), tiny meatballs and maybe even some grilled squid, all of which could also star at your next buffet.

"In the U.S., you put out French onion dip and salsa at a party," says Mike Isabella, chef at Penn Quarter's Greek-Turkish hot spot Zaytinya (701 9th St. NW; 202-638-0800). "In Greece, it's stuffed grape leaves and olives. It's the same snacking mentality, but it's been going on for centuries there."

Isabella is one of several U.S. chefs trafficking in what you might

call New Wave Greek: dishes and drinks that spin Hellenic standards (zucchini, phyllo, lamb, kasseri cheese) in innovative ways. At Zaytinya, ideas worth imitating range from crab cakes in garlic yogurt sauce to baklava, the age-old honey/phyllo pastry, zipped up with peanut butter (see recipe). In New York, the Greek-meets-West fare at Anthos (raw hamachi with chickpeas, feta risotto) scored the restaurant a Michelin star.

To whip up your own Greek bash, Embassy of Greece press at-

→ Hot summers and dry, often volcanic soil give Greek wines (\$13-\$20, Aphrodite Imports) earthy appeal.





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ché Athanasios Sloros recommends snagging recipes at Gourmet.gr. In "Regional Greek Cooking" (\$25, Hippocrene), Catherine and Dean Karayanis detail easy dishes such as taramasalata (caviar dip) and mussels with feta. Catherine Karayanis also likes "throwing halloumi cheese, which is like mozzarella, on the grill." Buy it, as well as frozen spinach pies, cabbage rolls and other quickie aps, at Aphrodite Imports (5886 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church; 703-931-5055).

What to pour with islandy snacks? Greek wines, like crisp whites from Santorini or reds from Crete, sold at Aphrodite or Total Wine. You could also try ouzo, the anise-flavored liquor gulped by Zorba the Greek. "It's summery and refreshing," says Athens-born restaurateur Kostas Daskalakis, who serves it on ice at his Burke pub, Hopsfrog Grille (5745 Burke Centre Parkway; 703-239-9324).

Isabella infuses ouzo with watermelon in summer and apple in the fall. In her book, Karayanis suggests ouzo cocktails like the Iliad (amaretto, ouzo, strawberry puree). But sip slowly: Ouzo is strong enough to knock Hercules out of his sandals. Still, if the libation encourages guests to linger and chat, then you've truly captured the Greek vibe. "Drink ouzo when you have plenty of time to kill," says Daskalakis. "Kick back and relax, and the world goes by." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



↑ Zaytinya chef Mike Isabella retools dishes like Greek salad, top, which he puts watermelon in, and grilled octopus, which he dresses up with capers.

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## PEANUT BUTTER BAKLAVA

SERVES 10

Mike Isabella's spin on the traditional dessert can be drizzled with melted chocolate for extra oomph.

### DIRECTIONS

For the filling, blend all ingredients in a food processor until a "butter" forms. Keep at room temperature. For syrup, bring the sugar, corn syrup, cinnamon and cloves to a boil. Strain and add lemon juice and rosewater. Cool.

To assemble, lay one sheet of phyllo down on a cool surface (keep remaining phyllo covered in a cool place). Spoon peanut mixture in a narrow line along the long side of the sheet to within 1/2 inch of the edges. Fold in edges. Fold bottom over nuts and roll up. Seal with more clarified butter. Repeat until you have used up filling.

Place rolls on ungreased baking sheets; bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes, until phyllo turns golden.

Take baklava out of the oven and drizzle cool syrup over hot baklava. When cool, slice into cigar-like lengths.

### INGREDIENTS

→ Phyllo sheets (2 packages), thawed and kept under a damp towel

→ Clarified (melted) butter, 2 sticks

#### FOR FILLING

→ 10 cups peanuts, toasted

→ 3 cups bread crumbs

→ 1 1/3 cups sugar

→ 2 tbsp. ground cinnamon

→ 1 tbsp. ground coriander

#### FOR SYRUP

→ 4 lbs. sugar

→ 1/2 cup lemon juice

→ 2 cinnamon sticks

→ 8 whole cloves

→ 4 oz. rosewater

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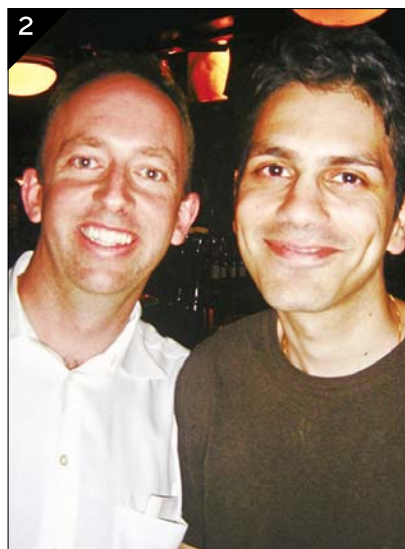
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**Q** What's your going-out theme song?

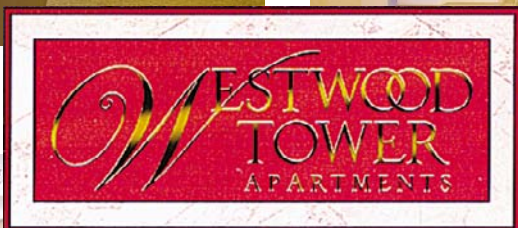
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**1.** "Sunday Bloody Sunday," Georgi Giouzou. "With or Without You," Denitza Mantchem. **2.** "Danger Zone," Paul Barbour, left. "Take on Me," Sravan Narayan. **3.** "People by Barbra Streisand," Rachel Edwards, right. "Mary Jane's Last Dance" by Tom Petty," Maggie Surface, center. "Who says Barbra Streisand?" Maggie Walser. **4.** "The 'Top Gun' theme song," Billy Rinker, left, with Ron Humoyan. **5.** "[Let] the Bodies Hit the Floor," Doug Allosios, left. "The 'Indiana Jones' theme song," John Ryan. **6.** "I Like Big Butts and I Cannot Lie," Anne Kascak, right, with Carrol Schwartz. **ROBYN MINCHER AND JEFF BROWN**



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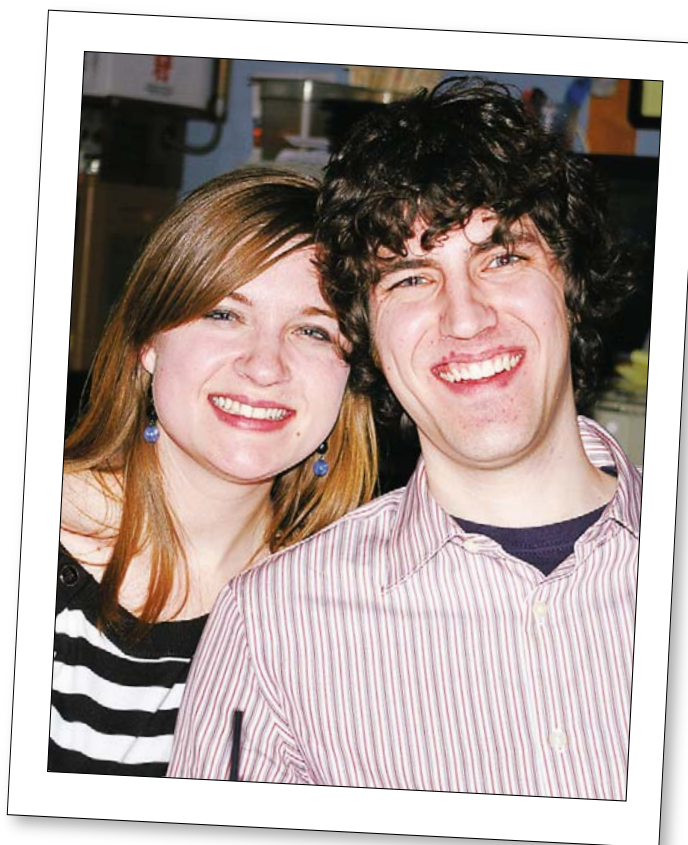
## Ihda Ahmad, Ahmad Sarsour

Ihda, 22, is a speech pathology student. Ahmad, 29, is an economist. They will live in Springfield.

- **The Main Event:** A Palestinian Muslim wedding and reception in Arlington on June 29. Ihda will walk down the aisle to Run-DMC and Aerosmith's "Walk This Way."
- **How They Met:** Ihda's brother-in-law introduced them at a holiday party.
- **First Impressions:** "He's cute, but his shoes are really ugly." "Wow, she's hot. I wonder if she's dating anyone. If she is, is he bigger than me?"

- **First Date:** They went clothes shopping for Ahmad at Tysons Corner Center. "When I asked him to try on something, he stripped in the middle of the store to put on the clothes," says Ihda.
- **How He Proposed:** Ahmad took Ihda to dinner at Chicago's Signature Room on 95th, overlooking the Windy City's skyline. When the dessert tray arrived, she discovered a piece that was less chewable and more sparkly: a ring.
- **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Ahmad's cargo pants." "Ihda's 100 pairs of shoes that take up the closet."
- **Pet Names:** Ahmad is "Amo Buff" and Ihda is "Porky."
- **Stupidest Fight:** "We argued because she didn't like the sweatshirt I was wearing," says Ahmad.
- **Their Song:** "No One" by Alicia Keys. "This is the song Ahmad would sing to me while I was studying late."
- **When He Knew:** Ahmad's answer is simple: "The day I met Ihda."

"He stayed up all night to help me study."



## Brian Greening, Jessica Smith

Brian, 31, is a software sales rep for Cognos. Jessica, 28, serves in the United States Air Force. They will live in Oakton.

- **The Main Event:** A traditional Christian ceremony followed by a reception in Alexandria on July 12.
- **How They Met:** At church. "We were in the same social circle of friends," says Jessica. "After knowing one another for a year, Brian asked me out to dinner."
- **First Impression:** "I was inspired by him and his faith in God. He is an amazing man." "Jessica was hot and traveled to interesting places."
- **First Date:** "Brian wined and dined me at the infamous Restaurant Eve in Old Town Alexandria," says Jessica.
- **How He Proposed:** Brian arranged

## The Real Love Boat

The goal of **JAIME ALVIS'** family cruise to Mexico was to relax. Yet it wasn't long before a ship musician, **BRIAN LOTTER**, caught her eye. "He was the hot piano player!" Jaime turned Brian's head when he saw her at the bar by herself. Since employees weren't supposed to fraternize with guests, he was in a bind: "I mentioned to one of the other musicians, 'Isn't it sad there is a beautiful girl all alone, and we're not allowed to talk to her?'" His buddy turned and yelled for Jaime to join them — problem solved. When the pair discovered they'd live near each other once Brian's cruise contract expired, they exchanged e-mails. Once they reconnected three months later over pizza and beer in Newport News, the attraction was still strong. Two years later, Brian made it official when they visited his family in Indiana. "He got down on one knee on a bridge over a river," says Jaime. "I was shocked." They will wed July 5 in Portsmouth, Va.

Jaime, 26, is a legislative manager. Brian, 27, is a piano teacher. They live in Rockville.

"I realized he was my best friend in the whole wide world, and I was madly in love with him."

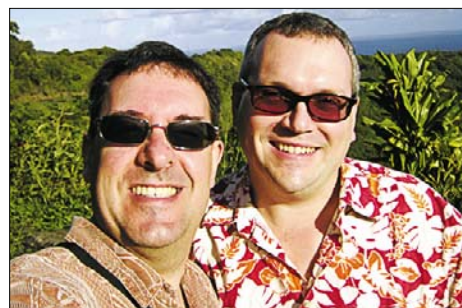
## Rob Gates, Peter Knapp

Rob, 41, left, is an analyst and project manager at a nonprofit. Peter, 43, is an IT specialist for the government. They live in Washington.

- **The Main Event:** A low-key civil ceremony and reception in Orange County, Calif., on July 28. Both grooms will wear Hawaiian shirts.
- **How They Met:** While sitting in the audience at a panel on gays in science fiction at the 1992 World Science

Fiction Convention in Orlando.

- **First Date:** Right after they met, says Rob, they got to know one another over "omelets at the IHOP next door to the convention center."
- **How He Proposed:** "Peter called me at work and started by saying, 'So, we could fly to California on July 24 for \$500 ...'"
- **Stupidest Fight:** A disagreement on dinnerware. Says Peter: "It's a bowl!"



Counters Rob: "It's a plate!"

- **Pet Names:** Rob is "Monkey Butt" and Peter is "Boo Boo."
- **When He Knew:** "When we

bought our house together in 1998," says Peter.

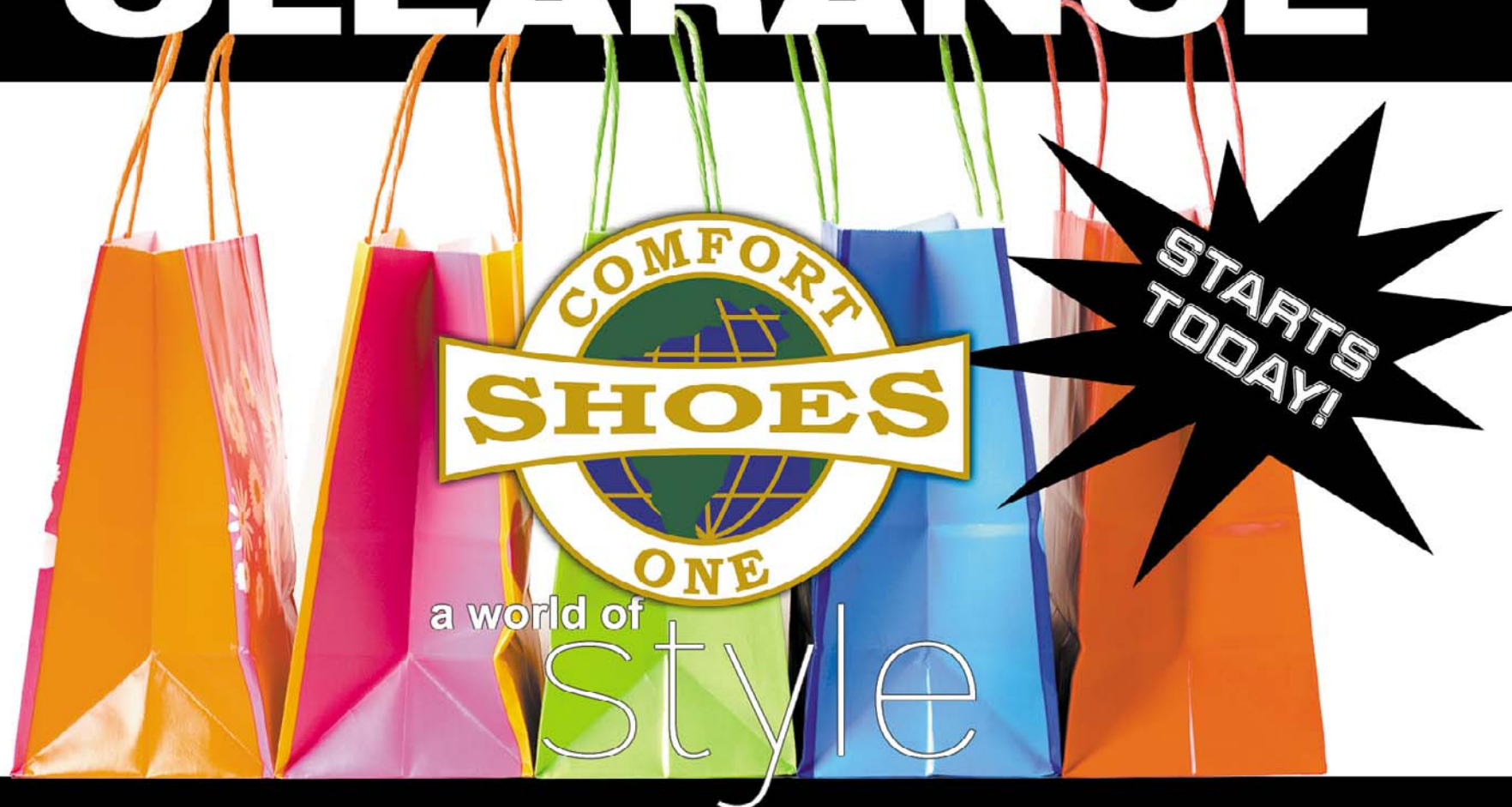
- **Celebrating Heritage:** "We were one of the first gay couples in the nation to get civil-unioned in Vermont in 2000," says Peter. "I look forward to being one of the first gay people to get married in California."
- **Wedding Jitters:** Rob's a wee bit worried that he'll "misplace the rings." For Peter, it's more about "the car breaking down on Interstate 5 on the way to the wedding."
- **With an Infinite Budget:** Rob says he'd "love to fly my friends and family someplace with a castle for the event."



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When Venessa Mendenhall, 28, was looking for a condo in the District, location and price were her two driving factors. The consultant for nonprofits wanted to be in Adams Morgan or Dupont Circle, but she soon found she didn't have a lot to choose from there when it came to new construction.

Then, she discovered her even-

tual home in the West Olmstead Condominiums at Harvard and 18th streets NW, in a turn-of-the-20th-century brownstone that had recently been converted into five condos.

By snagging one of those units last December, Mendenhall got historic charm along with the modern design elements most condo buyers are looking for these days. Her appliances? Stainless steel, of course. Counters? Zodiac quartz. And the floors? A light pine hardwood.

A wealth of storage space was also a big selling point for Mendenhall. Because the brownstone is built into



Leigh and Tom Mayrhofer were attracted to the customizable floor plans of the Ventana condo development in Penn Quarter.

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Elements like balconies, kitchen islands and moveable walls add to overall living space.

a hill, Mendenhall has stairs that lead from her entry down to her one-bedroom condo. Under those stairs, the developer smartly incorporated a long walk-in closet and other storage space. "It's a small unit, but the layout is good," says Mendenhall. "And they were really creative about using every nook and cranny."

Mendenhall isn't alone in appreciating high style and smart design. Condo developers know that, besides a good location and a good price, many buyers like her want the biggest decor bang for their buck, especially in the current marketplace.

"Right now, price is definitely king, and developers really have to be competitive on price point, or it's difficult for them," says Ken Johnson, CEO of DCRealEstate.com, which handles marketing and sales for a number of condo projects in the area. "But if condo developers put enough design into it, I think strong elements can overcome pricing. But they really need to focus on some-



**MAKE IT YOUR OWN:** The Mayrhoferes chose to have hardwood floors installed throughout their Penn Quarter condo, instead of sticking with the standard carpeting.

Michelle Giannini, senior vice president of sales and marketing at PN Hoffman, a D.C.-based developer whose current projects include the Warehouses at Union Row and the Alta at Thomas Circle. "They like the idea of being flexible with their floor plans and using their environment the way they want."

That was the case for Leigh and Tom Mayrhofer, who moved into a condo at the Ventana development in

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thing innovative and fresh, something that's going to make people feel sexy about their homes. That's why the biggest trend we're seeing now is pure design."

Gone are the days when condos were divided into individual rooms with distinct purposes. Who needs a dining room if dinner usually means takeout in front of the TiVo? How can you throw killer parties if your living room is completely cut off from your kitchen? Buyers want to decide how they occupy their space, so open or loft-style floor plans have become almost the norm in new condo construction.

"People like options," says

Penn Quarter in 2006. "I didn't want to live in a dark place with lots of small rooms," says Leigh Mayrhofer, a 33-year-old assistant principal at a public school. "I wanted an open feeling to the main living space, yet I also wanted bedrooms that could be closed off for privacy."

Elements like moveable walls, freestanding kitchen islands and outdoor terraces or balconies further increase flexibility and add to overall living space. "We've even seen drawers built into loft spaces, making sure that no space is wasted," says Johnson.

When it comes to kitchens, stainless-steel appliances and granite



Yale Steam Laundry lofts in D.C.'s NOMA district feature exposed brick walls.

countertops used to be something of a luxury, upscale touches meant to wow prospective buyers. Now, they're something of a given. "Granite and stainless are pretty common, I have to say," says Niki K. Piersall, vice president of McWilliams/Ballard, a local sales and marketing firm that specializes in multi-family housing. "You find it a lot nowadays. It used to be more of a novelty, but now it's pretty commonplace."

That doesn't mean that buyers have soured on the materials, or that developers have stopped using them. But it does mean that the search is on for the next big things, and for surfaces and features that are both pretty and planet-friendly. So, expect to see more counters made from Silestone, CaesarStone (natural quartz products), concrete, stainless steel and even recycled glass or plastic.

In new construction, most appliances boast the Energy Star rating (indicating their energy efficiency), and, like furniture, aim to maximize space. Cabinetry with European-style flat fronts has come into fashion, done in either a traditional wood grain or a bright-colored lacquer. In some cases, developers or homeowners are installing panels on appliances to match the cabinets or to give them a more custom appearance.

"I was at a home and design center not too long ago, and I saw refrig-

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erator panels that were sort of an antique bronze; it was a really great look," says Piersall. "We're seeing a lot of copper coming into play, so I think people are really starting to experiment with color, hence the lacquer finishes on cabinet doors and that kind of thing. I think color is really going to start to come back."

Wall-to-wall carpeting remains something of a no-no, at least in a condo's main living spaces. There, wood or tile flooring ranks high on buyers' wish lists. The Mayrholders even chose to have hardwood floors

**Glass functions as both a design element and a way to let in natural light.**

throughout their condo, rather than stick with the carpeting that originally came standard on the stairs and second floor.

PN Hoffman uses Spanish porcelain tiles in some of its spaces, while Bogdan Builders, the developers of condo properties like Logan Station and Belmont Vista, tends to opt for hardwood floors. "I'm seeing a lot of condo units going to dark finished floors; that seems to be the current trend now," says Steve Gerber, vice president of production for Bogdan Builders. "And that's not necessarily a dark walnut or mahogany wood material, but the actual floor is stained or darkened."

In bathrooms, glass plays a major role, whether it's in frameless shower doors or tiles used for everything from accents to walls to shower surrounds. Glass also takes center stage in many condo building facades as both a design element and a way to allow as much natural light into units as possible.

That kind of respect for the outside world also shows up in the many "green" elements in condo construction these days, whether it's low-VOC (volatile organic compounds) paint on the walls, energy-efficient cooling and heating systems, or green roofs. PN Hoffman's Alta at Thomas Circle project was the first new residential building in D.C. to be LEED-certified by the U.S. Green Building Council, a

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## QUICK FIX



### Decor That's More

Furnishings that do double or even triple duty can help to ensure that a sleek new pad functions as well as it looks. "Furniture for small spaces should do multiple things in the room and be versatile," says Pottery Barn spokeswoman Lauren Nelson. "It should serve as storage and also be aesthetically pleasing."

**VASTU** (1829 14TH STREET NW, 202-234-8344), a furniture store that also offers interior design services, sells plenty of practical space-savers. Elite's platform Bachelor Storage Bed (pictured above) with six storage drawers underneath (\$2,635) is one of the shop's biggest sellers. "Most people give up the footprint of their bed in terms of storage," says Jason Claire, the co-owner of Vastu. "This is a new approach, and it's been very successful. [The bed] offers more storage than a typical standing dresser."

Vastu also sells a variety of furniture cubes and ottomans with built-in storage. Rectangle- and cube-shaped storage ottomans by Steven Anthony (from \$246), for instance, come in hundreds of different fabrics and leathers. You can

use them to seat guests as well as store blankets or photo albums.

In addition, Vastu's custom upholstered pieces can be designed to fit the exact dimensions of a space. "There are a lot of odd floor plans and unique shapes being built out there, related to the fact that D.C. is a grid plan superimposed on diagonal streets," Claire says. "Our custom line lets us build, to the inch, pieces that maximize space and seating capacity."

**POTTERY BARN'S SMALL SPACES** collection also has no-nonsense space-stretching pieces for every room. Items range from apartment-sized sofas to the circular Shayne kitchen table (from \$699), which boasts two storage shelves tucked between its legs for easy access to plates, napkins or cookbooks.

Another way to free up space is to move belongings off bookshelves and countertops and onto the walls. Pottery Barn's Nelson recommends installing shelves on the walls of your kitchen, dining room, study or bedroom. "You can put up shelving to store plates and wine glasses," Nelson suggests. "It can be artful to have those displayed." **BETH LUBERECKI AND KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)**

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certification indicating high-performance sustainability that other properties are striving for as well.

"Buyers are looking for green properties and, in some cases, they're willing to pay a little more either in terms of the cost or in fees if they feel like they're doing something good for the Earth," says Elizabeth Blakeslee, National Association of Realtors Region III vice president. "Not every buyer, but definitely some."

"Green construction is becoming more common, with more developers going toward LEED certification," says Johnson. "There are a couple of projects in D.C. shooting for that, but it's still only a handful. Office buildings leapt ahead [when it came to LEED certification]. Condos haven't caught up, but I think they will, and it will become something that's just expected. But if they're going to be green, they have to be practical for purchasers and stylish, too."



PN Hoffman's Union Row condominiums at 14th and V streets NW combine practical architecture with trendy new materials.

Style and convenience also rate high when it comes to condo amenities and common areas. Residential lounges in PN Hoffman properties include kitchen areas, flat-screen TVs, fireplaces, and Wi-Fi hot spots. Many Bogdan Builders properties feature video entry phones and closed-circuit cameras for increased security.

"We're seeing enhanced services in condo buildings, which are sort of borrowing from boutique hotels and focusing on concierge-level services," says Piersall. "And those services could range from getting restaurant reservations to planning vacations and everything in between."

What Piersall hasn't been seeing a lot of recently? Corian countertops, top-mount sinks and brass fixtures. "But as with everything, these trends are sort of cyclical," she says. "So, what's old can be new again." In that case, don't be too quick to get rid of those old brass fixtures. Stash them under your bed instead, in case they're all the rage again in five or 10 years. BETH LUBERECKI

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# Feathers at Your Nest

**With a little work, you can spy on wild birds from a balcony or deck**

Mary Pfaffko was on her way back from the gym, walking down Connecticut Avenue, and there it was. A wood thrush, common in the East but rarely seen outside deeply wooded areas. But there it was, right on the street. The only problem was that it was dead.

In her role as president of the D.C. chapter of the National Audu-

bon Society, Pfaffko, 30, takes field trips to more remote areas (Great Falls, Va.; Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria, Va.) to get her wild-life fix. If you're a condo-dweller hoping to go beyond pointing binoculars at Rock Creek Park or on the Mall and actually attract feathered friends to your balcony, this news may come as a bit of a disappointment. But with a little work, it's very possible to bring nature to your high-rise castle.

First, don't buy into the stereotypes about bird-watchers. You can enjoy the pastime without it taking

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Nature lover Charles Studholme sells everything from binoculars to feeders at his Alexandria birding shop, One Good Tern.

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## FLIGHTS OF FANCY ▶ GEAR FOR THE BIRDS

Luring birds to a deck or outdoor space doesn't require putting in a worm garden or using a whistle. To certify your balcony with the National Wildlife Federation, you need only a few essentials.

### FEEDER:

Prevent seeds and suet from becoming a squirrel smorgasbord by hanging a mod ceramic **EGG BIRD FEEDER** (\$150, RCKNDY, 1515 U ST. NW; 202-332-5639). The shiny chow dispenser also adds a pop of mid-century mod style to a yard or deck.



### SHELTER:

Set out a shrub in a tall planter, and you'll provide a stylish new rest stop or a foul weather fowl hideaway. Smith & Hawken's sleek **COPPER COLUMN PLANTERS** (\$199-\$409, SMITHANDHAWKEN.COM) would do the job quite nicely.



### FOOD:

Fill your feeder with **SUN-FLOWER SEEDS** (\$3-\$43, ONE GOOD TERN, 1710 FERN ST., ALEXANDRIA; 703-820-8376). Make sure to avoid millet, which attracts pesky, invasive house sparrows.



### INSPIRATION:

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### WATER:

Help avian visitors keep cool and get clean on sizzling days with a glass **BIRDBATH**. A design bonus: The bright, swirled dish (\$32.99, TARGET.COM) boasts glow-in-the-dark crystals that cause it to glow for up to four hours after dark.

## At Your Nest

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over your life. "I'm not one of those people who lives and breathes birding," insists Dave Davis, 63, a former EPA water quality management employee, who lives in a townhouse-style condo in Arlington. "I have a life." And so, too, can you, if you start small and manageable.

One feeder should be more than enough to get started, especially considering the unique challenges of a small space in an urban environment. Cramped quarters mean you don't have room for too many gewgaws, and if you've never tried balcony birding, you'll want to figure out whether your neighborhood is home to cute wrens, pretty hummingbirds or just pigeons.

Speaking of pigeons, they're not the only feathered friends you can make in D.C. In May, for example, more than 36 species of warbler (small, perching songbirds) passed through the city on their annual migration. More than 300 species of birds make their homes in or wing through Washington and its environs.

Yet even when condos overlook Rock Creek Park or have wide, green common areas, cheepers and tweeters sometimes need a little encouragement to visit.

Enter the pros. Both the Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation are interested in nurturing nature in the city, one backyard or balcony at a time. Each organization offers a do-it-yourself program that'll teach you how to make your space more critter-friendly. And anyone with an interest can apply for official recognition (and a nice certificate) from the groups for their efforts.

Audubon asks that hopefuls pledge to reduce pesticide use and conserve water, among other things; the NWF has a six-step plan requiring nature lovers to provide food, water, shelter, and so on. You can even play from a high-rise: "The way to [bird-watch] on a balcony is to have plants double their function," explains Roxane Paul of the NWF. This means putting out a potted bush or a tree to provide food and act as a nesting site, for example. It might also mean planting flowers to feed shelter birds.

The programs are basically self-serve and operate on the honor system; just log on to the Web sites

**"If you put up a bird feeder, you have to keep it clean."**

CHARLES STUDHOLME,  
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(Nwf.org/backyard/certify.cfm and Audubonathome.org/pledge), read the instructions, make any necessary changes to your balcony, and sign on the dotted line. Audubon's program is free. The NWF costs \$15, but you'll get a certificate for your troubles, plus bragging rights.

The NWF program — "Certified Wildlife Habitats" — isn't restricted to individuals, either. Jim Hurley, a resident of The Arlington, got the entire condo complex certified as a nature hot spot after he single-handedly cleaned up a "trashy area" behind his condo and planted bird-friendly shrubs. He reports seeing robins, gray catbirds and a Swainson's thrush in the new habitat.

Hurley estimates his four-year project has cost him more than \$3,000. He's solicited help from The Arlington's association, but they "basically don't care," he says. "The condo association has provided no support for the project."

Therein lies the problem for many condo owners. Lack of attention to nature projects from an association is usually the best a bird lover can hope for. Many associations prohibit hanging anything — i.e. feeders or birdhouses — from balconies. Some go further. "We don't have any formal rule regarding bird feeders," says Shirlington Village's owner's association president, Ray Warren. But "we strongly discourage them. We are already plagued by droppings from the gulls who feast on the trash receptacles associated with the many restaurants in the village. I am sure that bird feeders would exacerbate the problem." (Warren adds: "We [Shirlington Village] are a very nature-loving group.")

Still, Warren has a point: Tubes of seeds hung close to the ground can attract rodents, and even if they're higher up, you may not attract the kinds of birds you want.

"European starlings are tough," says Charles Studholme, owner of One Good Tern (1710 Fern St., Alexandria; 703-820-8376), a store for







# Business Is Blooming

## The owner of D.C.'s Garden District offers advice for your houseplants

Joe Carmack, owner of 14th Street's perpetually leafy plant shop, Garden District (1801 14th St. NW; 202-797-9005), always knew he had a greener thumb than most people. While his childhood buddies were at soccer practice, Carmack was working in his family's garden in San Antonio, Texas — "and I loved it," he says. As an adult, Carmack earned a graduate certificate in landscape design from George Washington University and then in 2002 started a business based on his passion for plants. In March,



**NATURAL FIT:** Lifelong gardener Joe Carmack opened the Garden District's interior plant shop at 1520 14th St. NW in March.

almost five years after the debut of the first Garden District, he opened a second shop (1520 14th St. NW; 202-797-9005) a few blocks south, this one solely dedicated to interior plants and accessories.

We quizzed Carmack, 42, about his company's growth spurt and picked up tips on everything from how to keep flora content in cramped quarters to why you should add more leaves to your indoor decor.

KATIE ABERBACH (EXPRESS)

### What's the biggest mistake people make with houseplants?

Not knowing the conditions that the plant would like, particularly for a sun garden. You really need to know how much sun a plant would like. Over-watering can be a big issue, too.

### How important is it to find the right container for a plant?

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aesthetic part. There are so many different options that we have [at the Garden District], with pottery and different styles of pots. It's a great way to introduce color.

**How can someone find the right size and shape of a pot?**

First of all, you don't necessarily have to replant the pot in a container. You can just drop the pot that the plant comes in inside a [larger cache pot]. Then you don't have to worry about water leaking and draining all over the place. The harder way is to get a pot with drainage and to make sure when you're replanting [your plant] that the size of the pot is at least an inch to an inch and a half bigger than the pot size that it's already in.

I don't repot anything. At my house, to tell you the truth, my plants stay in the same pots [they came in], and they're happy. I just drop them in containers and I put a little moss [around the edges of the pots] to hide the [inner] containers, and it's just perfect. My plants love it.

**What's a good first indoor plant for a novice?**

The spathiphyllum — the peace lily. It's a good plant that doesn't take a lot of care. It requires low light. The neat thing about it is that, if it dries out, it'll come back to life within about an hour after you water it. It's just amazing to see [laughs]. Like it never happened, you know?

**So, you get a second chance!**

You get a second chance with the spathiphyllum, definitely. You can think that it's not going to live, and it comes back just perfect.

**How can plants enhance a condo's atmosphere?**

They definitely [help] you grow fresh air. It filters the air. I think it makes the room more comfortable and more soothing. It breaks up the harder lines and provides something that's a little bit more organic-shaped. And there are so many different styles of plants to fit your needs, with different heights and different widths.

**What should people know about gardening on the balcony or patio?**

That's a great question, because a lot of the interior plants are exterior

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## Blooming Biz

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plants somewhere in the world. We use our balconies when the weather's nice, so it's a great time to bring out the plants and give them some fresh air and let them breathe — but only as long as they meet the same conditions as [indoors].

It's all about the light. And you should definitely know that your plants are going to dry out a lot faster outside, so your watering conditions are going to change completely.

**Speaking of watering, I'm always concerned about over-watering or under-watering plants. How do I know whether I'm about to kill my fern?**

The tell-tale sign is definitely yellow leaves. The leaves start turning a really noticeable yellow. You don't want that. You really want your plants to be able to drain. I like watering my plants once a week, and that's it.

**Watering seems like something**



**URBAN JUNGLE:** The Garden District's new interior plant shop blooms with leafy green botanicals and colorful pottery. The merch can both spruce up a drab condo or balcony and freshen the air.



**that varies by plant, too. Can people seek watering counseling at Garden District?**

Absolutely. We try to give them as much information as possible on the plants so that they will be successful in caring for them. That's really important, because we want you to be happy. And if you're not happy, then it doesn't work out for anybody.

**You're originally from San Antonio. Is that where you got your start in gardening?**

Absolutely. My mother, my aunt and my grandmother were all sensational gardeners, and they all had their own style. It's just something that I did all my life.

**Any other advice for people about gardening in general?**

People should just know what conditions their plant will survive and thrive in. That's the most important thing: knowledge. It's about the right plants in the right place.

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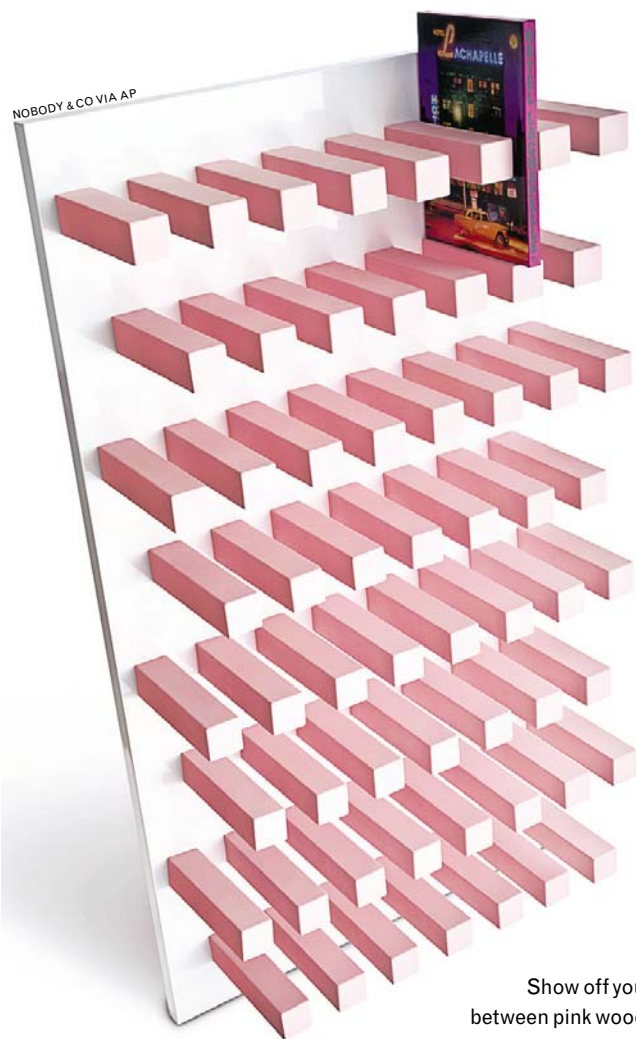
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Instead of storing those books spine-out, on a typical bookshelf, experts and designers recommend creative arrangements, re-imagined shelves and unconventional uses for bound volumes.

To start, try organizing books by size and color instead of author, title or subject, says Marie Proeller

Hueston, author of "Decorating With Books."

That might sound like judging a book by its cover: How to find that favorite book, now hidden in the "tall, green" section? But a new arrangement needn't be the antithesis of literary organization.

"People who have a lot of books that want to find them and read them know where they are," said Henry Petroski, author of "The Book on the Bookshelf."

"It seems to be part of the nature of readers that if you care enough about the books, you imprint their location in your brain."

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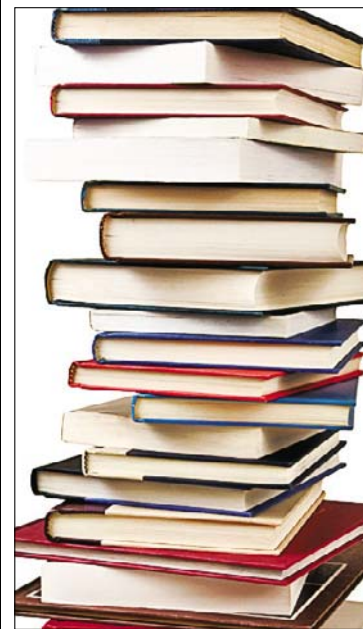
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## EXPERT ADVICE

### Texts-Heavy

Rows of books crowding your home? Here are six new ways to display and decorate with books:

**FORM OVER FUNCTION:** Flea markets and garage sales are repositories of old books and encyclopedia sets that can be used to decorate, said Marie Proeller Hueston, author of "Decorating With Books."

**BOOKS AS WALLPAPER:** Invest in a large amount of leather-bound books in the same shade to create a wall of color, said Leni Leth, owner of Book Décor, a California company that specializes in refurbishing and selling leather-bound books.

**A SPOT OF COLOR:** Have a monotone room? Pick out a few books in a striking color to add dimension, Hueston said.

**BOOKS AS FURNITURE:** Use a book, or a stack of books, to create end tables, coffee tables and pedestals, Leth said.

**AUGMENT WITH BOOKS:** Try hanging books over the rungs of a ladder or lining the edges of a room with books, Hueston said.

**BOOKS AS ART:** When books were more rare, they were displayed face-out, said Henry Petroski, author of "The Book on the Bookshelf." Take some favorite books and display them with book stands, such as Umbra's liv-roche bookstand. ANNIE FLANZRAICH (AP)

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## Biblio Style

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nization of books is a relatively recent innovation, as is the idea of a rectangular bookshelf.

In the middle ages, books were rare and displayed cover out, Petroski said. As books became more available, the storage system changed.

"It was the pressures of space that led to books' being placed vertically," Petroski said.

Now, some designers are challenging the tradition of an upright bookcase with surprising innovations, even building book shelving into a bathtub.

"There seems to be a sudden spurt of creativity," Alex Johnson, an English author who compiles a blog on bookshelves (Theblogonthebookshelf.blogspot.com), wrote in an e-mail. "Some of the designs featured on the blog are as much modern art and feats of engineering as they are shelving."

Italian company Nobody & co



What's the story with this chair? The "Bibliochoise" holds about 16 feet of books.

designed a "Bibliochoise" chair that can also hold about 16 feet of books. The idea came from a designer living in a small apartment filled with books and nowhere to sit, says Alisée Matta, a copywriter for Nobody&co.

"Sitting and living in the middle of your favorite books is a very strong feeling: It's like sitting in the middle of yourself, of your mind, every book you read becomes part of you and of who you are," Matta wrote in an e-mail.

Nobody&co also created the Piola bookcase, which uses a series of wooden prongs to hold and display books.

Leni Leth, owner of Book Decor — a California company that specializes in refurbishing and selling leather-bound books — suggests forgetting the shelves and instead using books as risers for candles and lamps, on coffee tables and even in bathrooms.

"Books can be like flower arrangements, but can last longer," Leth says. ANNIE FLANZRAICH (AP)

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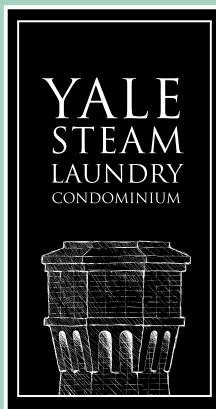
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## CondoLiving



Andrew Rollman surrounded himself with white in his new Dupont Circle condo.

# Hey, He's All White

## A local architect ditches color for a modernist, airy new living space

For 13 years, modern architect Andrew Rollman lived in a tiny 530-square-foot condominium in Dupont Circle surrounded by his grandparents' furniture: an Art Deco armoire, a 1950s Colonial-style dining table, a Danish modern dresser in French blue and a kitchen saltbox with a chicken painted on it.

It just wasn't him.

Two years ago, his mother looked around the apartment and said, "You seem too settled for your age," says Rollman, 45, who designs sleek law firms and sustainable high-rise buildings. "She basically gave me permission to let go of all the past."

That afternoon, he called a real estate agent about a one-bedroom unit with a den for sale in his building. Before long, he was renovating it and donating his heirlooms

to charity. Today, Rollman, who grew up in Baltimore, lives in an airy space and is surrounded by white, from the polished marble floors to the modernist furniture classics by Harry Bertoia, Florence Knoll and Eero Saarinen.

**"I wanted to explore pure modernism, and I only wanted to have the absolute minimum."**

ANDREW ROLLMAN, ARCHITECT

Whereas his original condo was rooted in the past, his new home reflects the positive impact that good design can have. "The new place looks towards the future, and is a light and very positive space," he says. "I feel it's cutting-edge design. It's exciting."

A vice president at SmithGroup, a national architectural firm, Rollman drew on his experience in creating high-profile downtown build-



ings and college dorm lounges when he executed his own makeover.

He had moved into his original small unit in 1993. The brick condo building, off Massachusetts Avenue, had been designed by his firm in the late 1980s. He tolerated living on the building's north side, with little sunlight, but eventually realized he craved more light, less stuff and a bigger place to have friends in for drinks or dinner. "As an architect, I wanted a bit of a showplace," he says. "Being a single guy, I wanted to do some entertaining. I was tired of being a workaholic."

He donated the furniture he had inherited to Value Village and the Salvation Army, freeing himself to start fresh.

His new 850-square-foot home has a winning location. Walls of windows face the south and east, and there is a small, sunny balcony. Originally, the main living space was cut up, with an enclosed kitchen at one end and a den at the other; Rollman had walls removed to form one big, open living-dining-



Marble floors, white paint and plenty of sunlight contribute to the pared-down look of Rollman's living-dining-kitchen space.

kitchen space. Then he created a cocoon of white.

"I wanted to explore pure modernism, and I only wanted to have

the absolute minimum. That's why I chose white marble and white paint," he says. He put his kitchen along one wall and installed

custom high-gloss white cabinets. He installed a kitchen table instead of an island. His table happens to be Saarinen's Large Oval

Even a purist needs a splash of color, but usually just one color at a time.

Dining Table, a modernist icon from 1956.

Along one wall of the bedroom he added two storage closets with frosted-glass doors, separating them with shelving in high-gloss white. The two bathrooms got makeovers of pedestal sinks and subway tiles. After four months of renovation, he moved in and arranged his new minimalist furnishings. "I wanted to create a place with furniture floating," he says. "I envisioned cocktail parties with people standing up and didn't want any dead ends."

Sometimes even a purist needs a splash of color, but usually just one color at a time. Rollman makes sea-

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sonal changes that punctuate the all-white canvas. He shops at places like West Elm, Marshalls, T.J. Maxx and Ikea for pillows, vases and accessories, but not too many. He has added punches of chartreuse, red and light blue. As for art, he sometimes repaints the same 24-by-24-inch stretched canvas with acrylic paint: "For \$5, you can completely change your look."

His friends are charmed. "When people come in the door," he says, "the first thing they typically say is, 'Wow.'" Now, he has parties for 40. Friends stop by on their way to restaurants or clubs in the area. "At my place, it feels like we are in a cool bar in Dupont Circle," he says. "I look forward to coming back myself when I've been away. Instead of dreading the end of a vacation, I know I'm returning to my super-cool space."

He has no regrets. "It's not that I didn't appreciate the heirlooms I



Frosted glass doors and high-gloss cabinetry enhance Rollman's bedroom.

had. I felt guilty about giving them away, and it wasn't easy to do it," Rollman says. "But my mother told me, 'It's not the possessions; it's the memories.'" JURA KONCIUS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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# Small Spaces Specialist

## The urban living guru behind the Apartment Therapy blog offers advice

For 15 years, Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan lived in a 265-square-foot apartment in New York City. Last year, with his wife and 1-year-old, he upgraded to a “really huge” two-bedroom. It’s 725 square feet.

But a new small-space challenge is nothing to a guy who has made a living out of helping to transform the homes of clients, regardless of the size of their space. Gillingham-Ryan is the founder of ApartmentTherapy.com, a well-known design blog.

This spring, Gillingham-Ryan launched a D.C. Apartment Ther-



ApartmentTherapy.com blogger Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan will launch a D.C. site.

apy blog. The postings appear on the New York site, but Gillingham-Ryan hopes to give D.C. its own site

by the end of the summer.

He’s also written his second book, “Apartment Therapy Presents:

Real Homes, Real People, Hundreds of Real Design Solutions” (Chronicle Books, \$27.50), which compiles three years of the site’s House Tours (virtual visits to readers’ homes).

We chatted with Gillingham-Ryan about the new book and small-space living. **TERRI SAPIENZA (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

### How does your book differ from other design books?

It differs from a conventional coffee-table book because it has resources, and the owners or renters have achieved the look themselves. Real-people solutions are more powerful than glossy interior-decorator solutions because you can relate to them.

### What are the most important things to consider when living in a

### small space?

Clutter. Most clutter is generated the moment you walk through the door with your bag, cell phone, mail, shoes, coats, keys. To handle this, create a landing strip: When you come home, everything gets parked as close to the front door as possible.

### What are common mistakes people make in small spaces?

The most common things I see are: a) people trying to pack too much in and b) not realizing how the sense of size can easily be manipulated with a few interior design tricks.

Many people consider their home small when they’ve moved from a bigger home or if they’ve added a partner or a child to the equation. In these cases, it never helps to try to fit in everything. Space needs to breathe: It needs to be open and airy in order to feel good and comfortable. Paring down and simplifying are essential. ... Don’t think of it as punishment; think of it as the creation of new opportunities.

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